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"(Zeb Wells) has done a number of things in the past couple years to earn my respect and *NM #1* doesn't break that streak."
– Bryan Joel, *Comics.IGN.com*

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When their oldest and most powerful foe returns, the original New Mutants must reunite!

Cannonball, Sunspot, Magma, Magik and Dani Moonstar race to the rescue of Karma. But Legion has her right where he wants her: locked inside his schizophrenic mind! It's classic mutant action the way you like it!

Plus: the return of the beloved Warlock. But if he's so beloved, why does he have that weird look on his face?!

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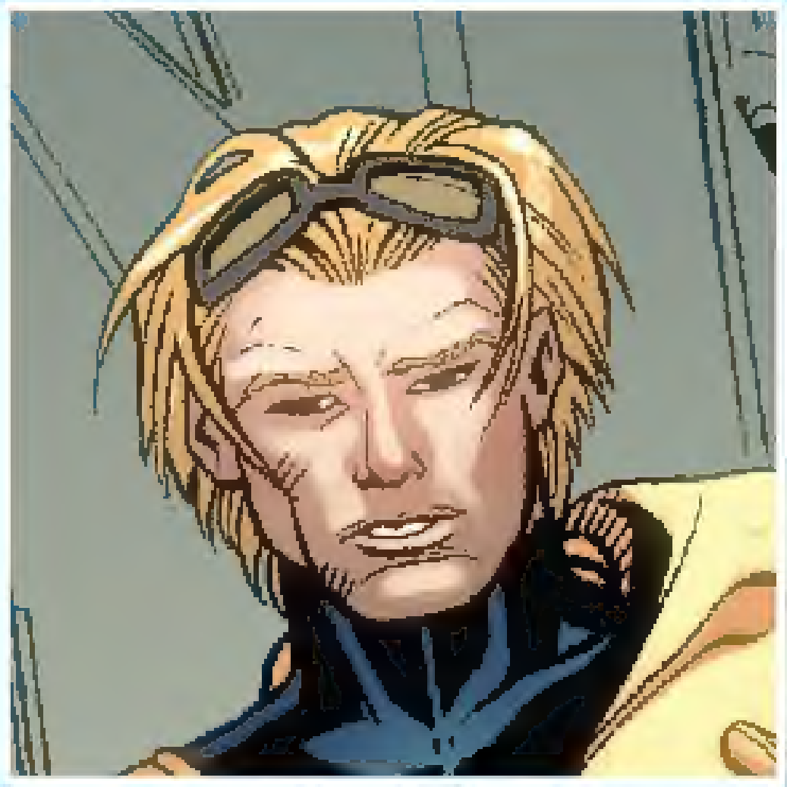

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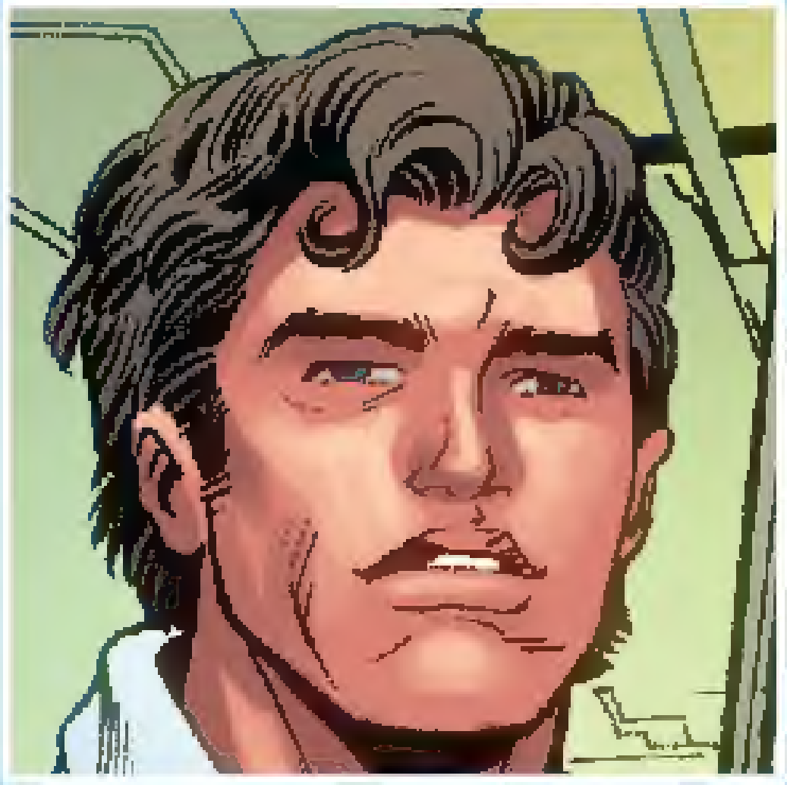

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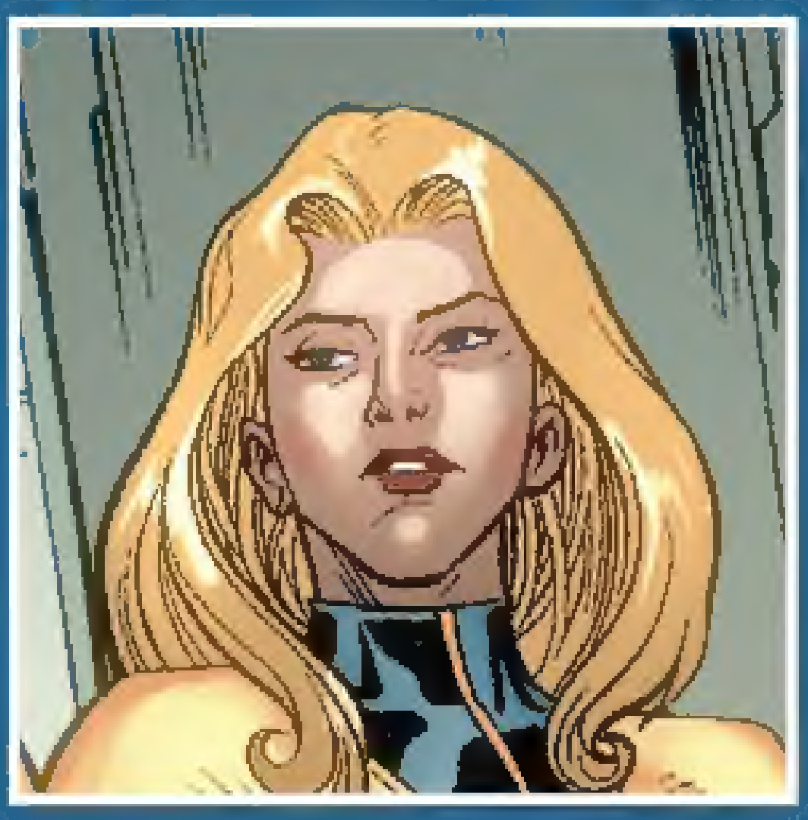

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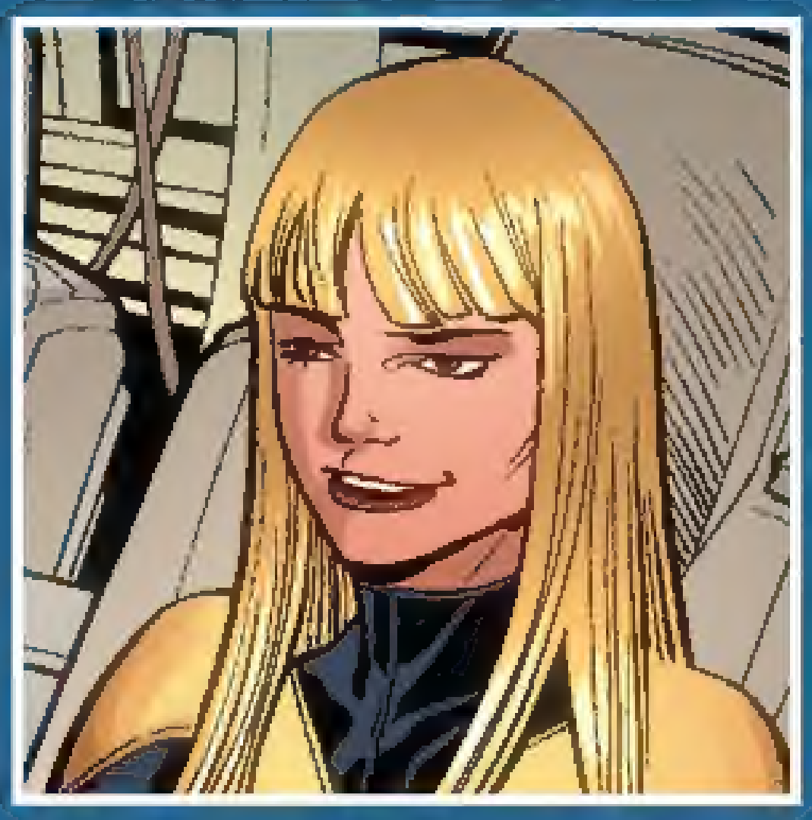

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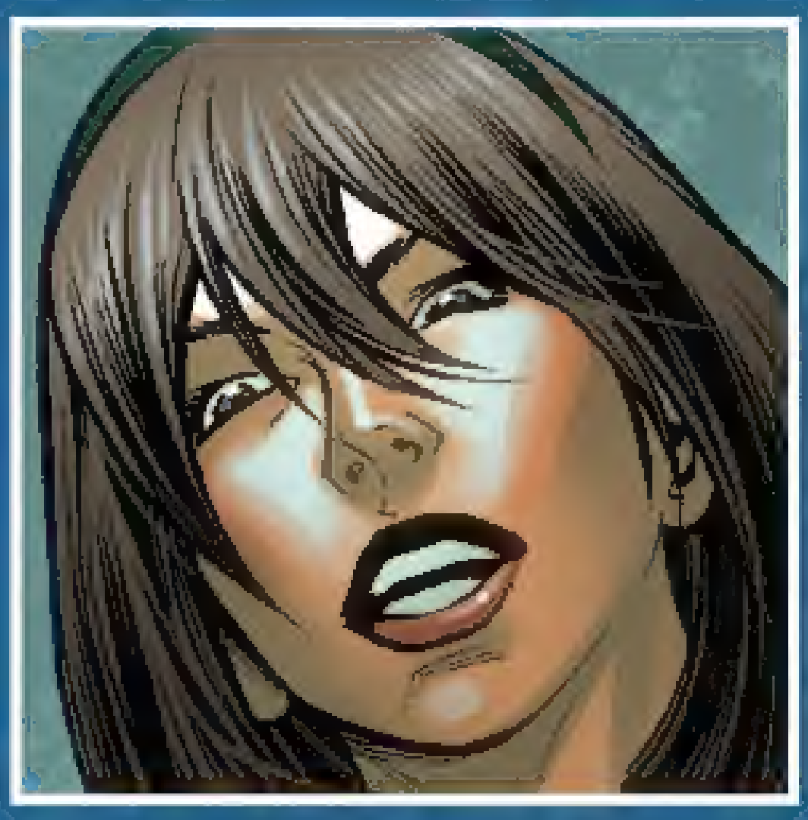

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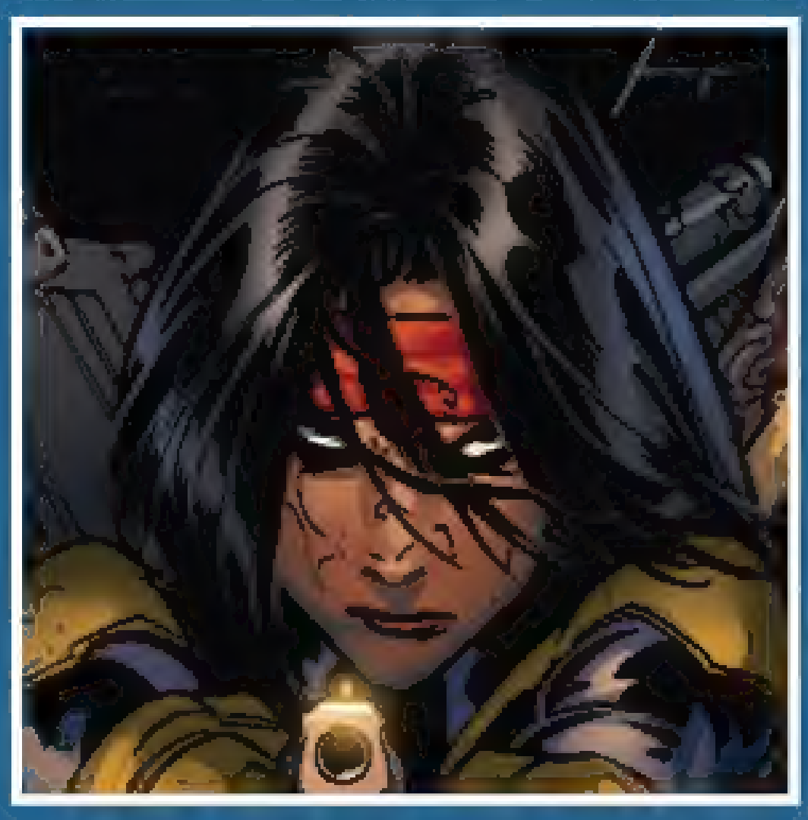

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WESTCLIFFE, COLORADO. TWO WEEKS AGO.
MARCI?
DON'T BE SCARED, ALL RIGHT? MY NAME IS SHAN. MY FRIEND, DANI, AND I HAVE BEEN LOOKING FOR YOU.
WE HAD SO MUCH TROUBLE FINDING YOU I THOUGHT I'D JUST VISIT YOU HERE.
I KNOW THIS IS A PRIVATE PLACE, BUT I HOPE YOU DON'T MIND.

YOU'RE NEW.
THEY LIKE THE NEW ONES.
WHO?
BANG BANG BANG
THEM.

SMASH!!
COME ON.
WE SHOULD RUN NOW.

MARIN HEADLANDS, CA.
X-MEN HEADQUARTERS.
NOW.

THEY'RE STILL HERE.
THERE'S TIME.

IS THAT MAGIK?!
OH, HELL NO.
THOUGHT YOU'D TAKEN OFF FOR GOOD. WE HAD A PARTY AND EVERYTHING.
YEAH, JUST 'CAUSE CYCLOPS SAYS YOU'RE WELCOME HERE DOESN'T MEAN *YOU'RE WELCOME HERE,* GET IT?
STILL MAD AT ME... GOOD.
DAMN RIGHT WE'RE STILL MAD AT YOU. YOU GOT MY ARM CHOPPED OFF AND *ATE A PIECE OF PIXIE'S SOUL!*
OH, GROW UP...IT WAS ONLY A TASTE...
YOU THINK THIS IS FUNNY?!

IS THERE A PROBLEM HERE, KIDS?
THERE IS IF YOU'RE PROTECTING THE SUCCUBUS!
SHE'S GOT MORE OF A RIGHT TO BE HERE THAN ANY ONE OF YOU.
WHO SAYS?
I DO.
THIS ISN'T A SCHOOL ANYMORE, GUTHRIE. YOU CAN STOP WALKING AROUND LIKE YOU'RE AN "UPPERCLASSMAN."
YEAH. LIKE *NOW.*

SAM'S NOT AN "UPPERCLASSMAN," SANTO. HE'S A *GRADUATE*. LIKE *ME*.
I DON'T HAVE TO SHOW YOU WHAT THAT MEANS, DO I, VICTOR?
BELIEVE ME, YOU WANNA ANSWER *"NO"* ON THIS ONE.
WHATEVER, DA COSTA. YOU WANNA ACT LIKE SHE'S ONE OF THE GOOD GUYS? GOOD LUCK. HOPE YOU KNOW HOW TO REGROW *YOUR* ARMS.
SEE YA, "MAGIK." IF YOU NEED SOMEONE TO SAW YOU IN HALF, HOW 'BOUT YOU GIVE US A CALL?

HOW 'BOUT MY FIST TEACHES YOU HOW TO TALK TO A LADY AT AROUND SEVEN HUNDRED MILES PER HOUR!
IT'S OKAY, SAM. COLOSSUS HEARS HIM TALKING LIKE THAT AND HE'LL BE BEGGING FOR US TO SAVE HIS LIFE.
THE FIXERS...
WHAT?
SHAN AND DANI...
WHOA!
...THEY'LL BE ALMOST DEAD BY NOW.
ALMOST DEAD.

X-BRIG
STAY AWAY FROM ME! YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE DOING!! WHEN I'M FREE, I'LL KILL YOU ALL!
WHEN I'M FREE...
MANUEL? YOUR FOOD'S GONE COLD. YOU HAVE TO EAT.
AMARA?
I DIDN'T KNOW IT WAS YOU.
I KNOW. IT'S OKAY.
I WASN'T APOLOGIZING.
I KNOW THAT, MANUEL.
THE X-MEN TOOK MY SIGHT, AMARA. I'LL HAVE MY REVENGE ON THEM. YOU KNOW ME WELL ENOUGH TO KNOW THIS IS TRUE...
THERE'S NOTHING YOU CAN DO AT THIS MOMENT. EAT.
AMARA. IT'S SAM. SORRY TO INTERRUPT, BUT I NEED YOU IN THE MEDIC BAY.
...ILLYANA'S BACK.

THE ARROWS THAT CAUSED YOUR INJURIES SLOWLY DISAPPEARED, THEN? I'M ASSUMING THEY WERE "MAGIC" ARROWS?
OH, YES.
I WISH YOU'D HAVE STAYED LONGER THAN YOU DID AFTER CYCLOPS OFFERED YOU A HOME. WE ALL WORRY ABOUT YOU AND THE THINGS YOU GET UP TO IN--
WELL, THE FRESH SAN FRANCISCO AIR SEEMS TO BE DOING WONDERS FOR YOU. YOUR VITALS HAVE NORMALIZED AND YOUR WOUNDS ARE HEALING.
I LOVE YOUR NEW LOOK. HAVE I TOLD YOU THAT?
OH. NO. THANK YOU.
I LIKE IT TOO. I SUPPOSE EVEN US "MONSTERS" GET USED TO OURSELVES EVENTUALLY.
WE DO, DON'T WE?
SHE'S ACTING STRANGE. ARE WE SURE IT'S HER?
HANK SAYS IT IS, AND SHE CHECKED OUT WITH CEREBRA.

HAS SHE SAID WHERE SHE'S BEEN? I MEAN, FROM WHAT I HEARD IT WAS A LOT OF WORK TO GET HER BACK TO EARTH, THEN SHE JUST TOOK OFF...
IS IT TOO MUCH TO ASK WHERE SHE'S BEEN AND WHY SHE CAME BACK?
SHE SAYS SHAN AND DANI ARE IN TROUBLE. SHE SAYS SHE NEEDS OUR HELP TO FIND THEM.
DO WE BELIEVE HER?
HANK'S MACHINES SAY SHE'S TELLING THE TRUTH.
WHAT DO *YOU* THINK, SAM?
I DON'T.
IF YOU, ILLYANA--ANY OF THE "NEW MUTANTS" ASK FOR HELP...I DON'T *NEED* TO THINK ABOUT IT.
I HAVEN'T SEEN THAT LOOK IN YOUR EYE FOR A LONG TIME, SAM. ARE WE DOING THIS?
ARE YOU KIDDING ME? IF I HAVE TO STAY HERE AND PRETEND I'M A *TEACHER* FOR ONE MORE DAY, I'M GOING TO OFF MYSELF.
YOU IN?
AMARA?
WHAT?
OH...OH, YEAH.
OF COURSE.

XI'AN WENT WITH DANI TO COLORADO ON AN... "EDUCATIONAL MISSION." WE GOT AN ANONYMOUS TIP THAT A YOUNG MUTANT WAS ENDANGERING A SMALL TOWN THERE.
AND YOU SENT THEM IN ALONE?... SIR.
IT WAS A FALSE ALARM, SAM. CEREBRA WOULD LIGHT UP LIKE A CHRISTMAS TREE IF THERE WERE A NEW MUTANT ON THE PLANET. I SENT XI'AN AND DANI TO COLORADO TO CALM THE LOCALS.
I DON'T WANT TO PUT A STRAIN ON YOUR RESOURCES, SIR, BUT I'D LIKE TO TAKE A TEAM TO RETRIEVE THEM.
"ROSTER REQUEST: CANNONBALL, SUNSPOT, MAGMA, MAGIK." NOT A VERY LARGE TEAM.
THERE'S BAD BLOOD BETWEEN ILLYANA AND MOST OF THE YOUNGER MUTANTS. THEY DON'T TRUST HER.
AND YOU DO?
I THINK I OWE HER THAT, SIR.
I THINK WE ALL DO.

REQUEST APPROVED.
--WAIT, WHAT?
YOU'VE EARNED MY TRUST, SAM. YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT. HAVE HANK HELP YOU WITH THE UNIFORM FABRICATORS IF YOU NEED THEM. I'M AUTHORIZING ONE OF THE JUMP-JETS FOR YOUR USE.
Y-YES, SIR...YOU WON'T REGRET THIS...I WON'T LET YOU DOWN, SIR.
SAM.
THE PROFESSOR USED TO TELL ME. THE MOST IMPORTANT PART OF LEADING WASN'T PERSONALITY, TACTICS, OR TRAINING.
IT WAS DOING WHATEVER IT TAKES TO GET YOUR TEAM BACK ALIVE.
BRING THEM BACK, SAM. EVERY ONE OF THEM.
SIR.

ALL RIGHT, FRIENDS. THE DESIGN MODIFICATIONS MADISON JEFFRIES SUGGESTED ARE LOCKED IN. PALETTE AND DESIGN ARE UP TO YOU.
DO YOUR WORST.

#$%@. WE LOOK LIKE GROWN-UPS.
DO I GET TO DRIVE?
IN YOUR DREAMS.

SHAN AND DANI'S SIGNAL DISAPPEARED IN WESTCLIFFE, COLORADO. THAT'S WHERE WE START.
LOCKING IN COORDINATES.
EAST. YES, THAT FEELS RIGHT. THERE'S STILL TIME BEFORE THEY DIE.
HOW DO YOU KNOW SHAN AND DANI ARE IN TROUBLE, ILLYANA?
YOU TOLD ME, AMARA. ONE YEAR FROM NOW.
YOU BLAMED ME FOR NOT BEING THERE. SO...NOW I'M HERE.
I HOPE YOU WERE ABLE TO GIVE ME ENOUGH INFORMATION TO FIND THEM. YOU WEREN'T MAKING MUCH SENSE AT THE TIME.
IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT, THOUGH. YOU'D HAD A RATHER LARGE HOLE EATEN THROUGH YOUR STOMACH.
ARE YOU HAVING FUN WITH ME, ILLYANA?

WHY DO YOU VISIT EMPATH IN HIS CELL AFTER HE TRIED TO KILL YOUR FRIENDS?
DO YOU STILL LOVE HIM?
WHAT?! NO, I--HE WAS BLINDED...HE'S HELPLESS AND...
I CAN CURE HIM, YOU KNOW. WHAT PIXIE DOES WITH HER SOUL DAGGER I CAN UNDO.
WOULD YOU LIKE ME TO?
I...I...
NO... YOU LIKE HIM HELPLESS, I THINK.
STILL, I WILL HELP HIM IF YOU ASK. IT CAN BE OUR LITTLE SECRET.

WESTCLIFFE, COLORADO. CITY LIMITS.
WE DON'T WANT TO SPOOK THE POPULATION. WE'RE GOING IN UNDERCOVER.
WISH WE COULD HAVE PUT THIS THING DOWN A LITTLE CLOSER...
DON'T WORRY, BOBBY.
I'VE GOT IT COVERED. JUST HIT THE BLUE BUTTON.
OKAY, I'M TOTALLY DRIVING *THIS*.

WESTCLIFFE, MAIN STREET.
BE FRIENDLY, EVERYBODY.
SAM, THIS IS ME! I'LL HAVE THE LADIES EATING OUT OF MY HANDS.
GROSS.
NICE PANTS, BY THE WAY. YOU REALLY BLEND IN.
HEY, MAN, THESE ARE IN STYLE SOME PLACES.
OH, YEAH? WHERE?
PLACES. DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.

MISSING
MISSING
MIS
AMARA. THAT GIRL...
WHO?
MISSING
MARCI SABO
THE GIRL YOU TOLD ME ABOUT...
CAN I GET Y'ALL SOMETHIN'?
WE'RE FINE RIGHT NOW, THANK YOU!
WHAT DO YOU GOT?
THAT MISSING GIRL.
SEVEN YEARS OLD. SHE MUST BE VERY SCARED.

I WILL CHECK ON THIS GIRL. SEE HER FAMILY...
IT IS IMPORTANT TO ME.
'YANA, WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? WE'VE GOT TO LOOK FOR SHAN AND DANI, LIKE YOU SAID.
THIS IS IMPORTANT. YOU DON'T--
NO ONE SHOULD BE TAKEN FROM THEIR HOME WHEN THEY ARE SEVEN YEARS OLD.
YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT IT'S LIKE.
I WILL LOOK FOR HER.

BUT WE HAVE TO--
SAM. IT'S OKAY. I'LL GO WITH HER. CALL US IF YOU FIND ANYTHING.
ILLYANA, WAIT!
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT...
LOOKS LIKE THE *TWO* MUSKETEERS RIDE AGAIN.
LET'S BE FRIENDLY, NOW. SEE IF ANYONE HAS SEEN SHAN OR DANI.
SAM, I'M *ALWAYS* FRIENDLY.
HELLO, LADIES!
TYPICAL.
GUESS I'LL TAKE SCARY GUY...

PROBLEM WITH YOU LADIES?
HEH. NOTHIN' A BEER WOULDN'T FIX...
THAT IT?
ACTUALLY, I'M TRYING TO FIND TWO FRIENDS OF MINE. LAST I HEARD THEY WERE GRABBING A DRINK AT YOUR PLACE HERE...
TWO GIRLS. ONE VIETNAMESE, THE OTHER NATIVE AMERICAN.
EVERYTHING ALL RIGHT HERE, NOAH?
UH, THAT'S MY--
Y-YEAH, CHUCK. EVERYTHING'S FINE.
THANKS FOR THE BEER, STRANGER.
OKAY... *WEIRD.*

WHAT'S THAT GUY'S PROBLEM?
Y-YOU NEED TO LEAVE. NOW.
IF YOU DON'T LEAVE I'M GONNA HAVE TO CALL THE COPS.
NOW, WAIT A MINUTE--
YO, WE'VE GOT A PROBLEM HERE, SAM. THOSE GIRLS WERE ICE COLD. THEY TOOK OFF RIGHT AFTER I SAT DOWN...
I TOLD YOU TO TAKE IT EASY!
I WASN'T HITTING ON THEM...
THEY WERE SCARED OF SOMETHING.
LIKE WHAT?
OH.

CAN I HELP YOU?
YOU ARE MARCI'S PARENTS.
WE SAW YOUR FLYER AND WERE WONDERING IF MAYBE WE COULD HELP--
WHAT THE--?
'YANA!
ILLYANA, WHAT ARE YOU *DOING?*
IT'S JUST LIKE YOU TOLD ME, RIGHT BEFORE YOU DIED, AMARA.
A PRINCE DISGUISED, A KING ON HIS KNEES, AND LAUGHTER ETERNAL...
I THOUGHT YOU WERE JUST SPEAKING NONSENSE. YOU'D LOST SO MUCH BLOOD.
THIS IS THE PLACE.

GET OUT OF MY HOUSE. NOW.
WHERE ARE THEY?
STOP HER, HONEY!
I'M WARNING YOU! I HAVE A GUN!
GET OUT OF HERE! WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE?!
SOUP
SOUP
SOUP
SOUP
SOUP
UP
I DON'T WANT TO HAVE TO USE THIS.
YOU WON'T.
PLEASE, DON'T...
SOUP
HELLO?

NO MUTANTS AROUND HERE!
MUTANTS? WHO SAID ANYTHING ABOUT--
YOU... YOU...
OKAY, YOU GOT US. WE'RE TOTALLY MUTANTS.
OH, GOD...

DAMMIT, NOAH! YOU COWARD! DON'T YOU OPEN THAT DAMN DOOR!
SAM?
ON IT.
CRASH!!
OH, NO.

DON'T TAKE HER FROM US... PLEASE...
GOOD GOD.
AMARA? IS THAT YOU?!
YOU'VE GOT TO GET ME OUT OF HERE! I'M TRAPPED...
SHAN.
BOBBIE! SAM! WE'VE FOUND SHAN!
WHAT?! WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE...

SHE'S RIGHT HERE.

SHAN?
SHE LOOKS CATATONIC...
SAM, I CAN HEAR HER! SHE'S LOCKED IN SOME SORT OF CELL.
PLEASE, GET ME OUT OF HERE.
NO SHE'S NOT, 'MARA. I'M TELLING YOU.
SHE'S RIGHT HERE.
THERE, SHAN. YOU'RE FREE.
NO, I'M NOT, AMARA. I WASN'T TALKING ABOUT THE BOX...

I'M TRAPPED IN HERE.
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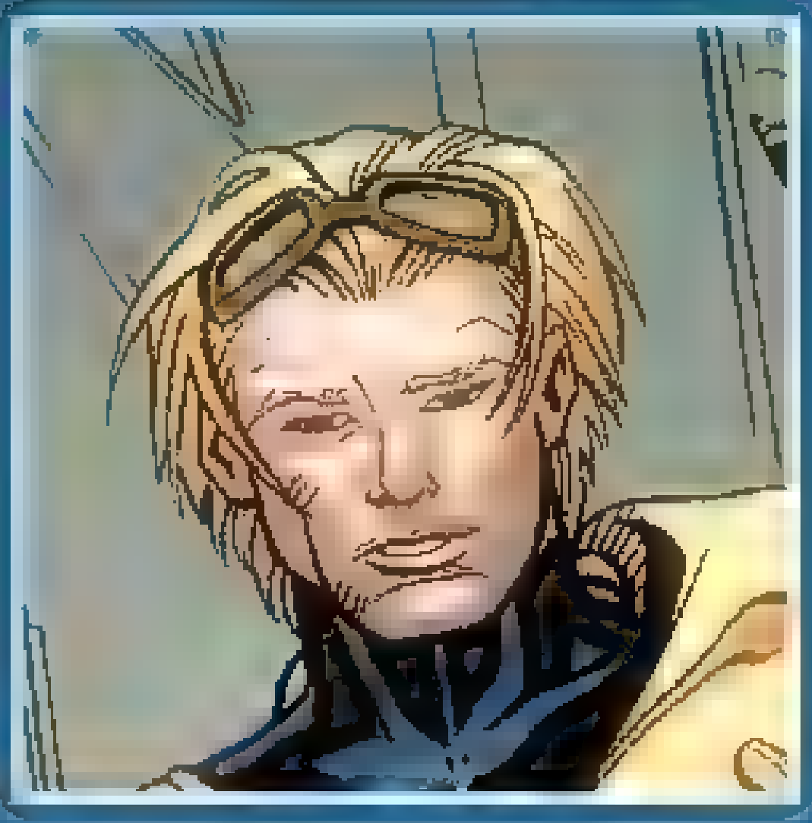

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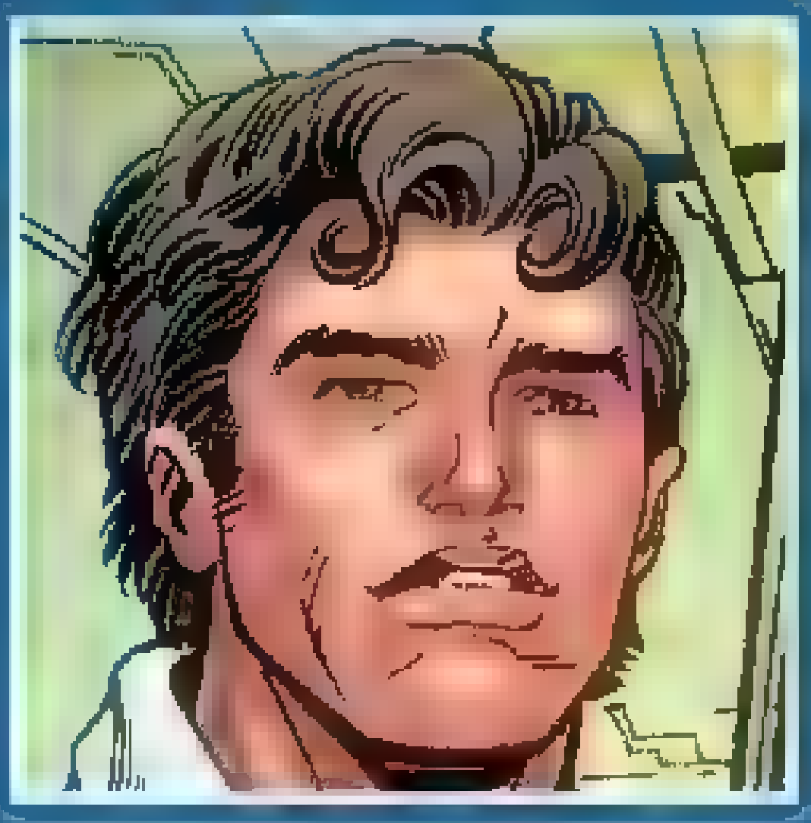

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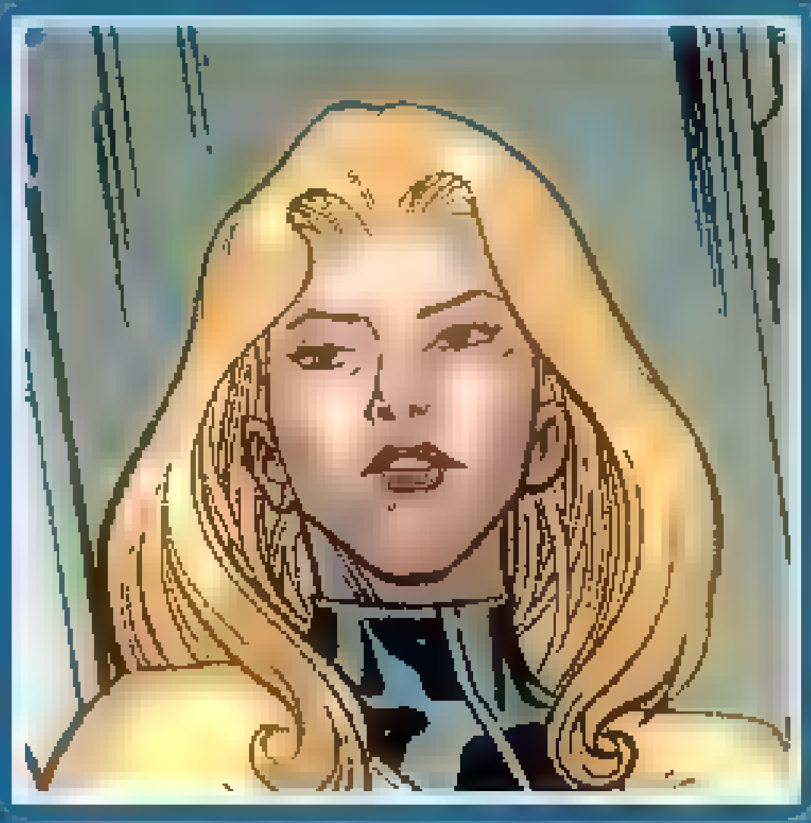

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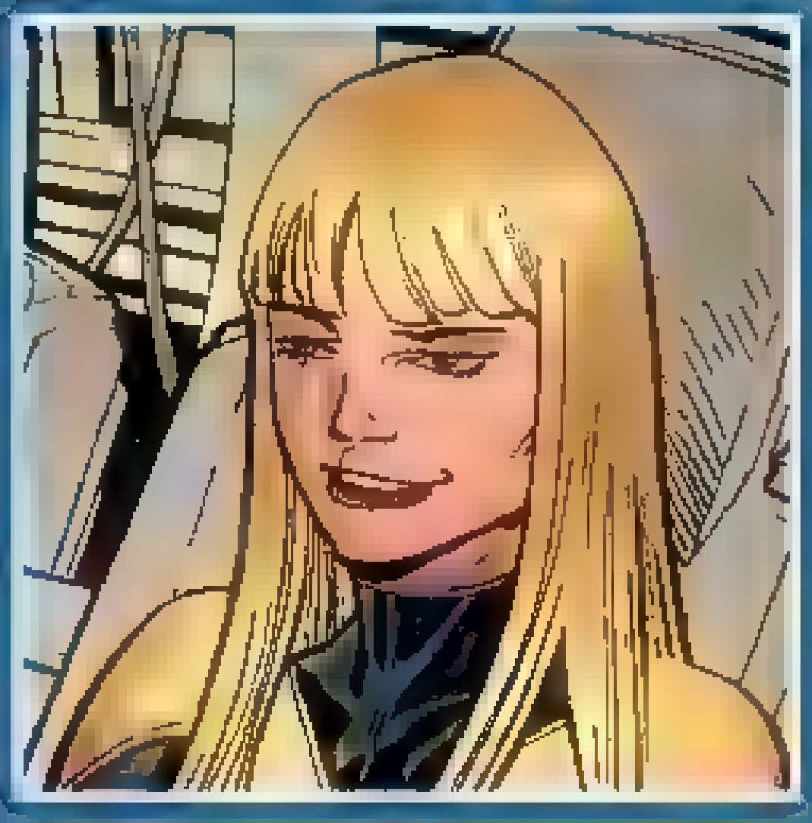

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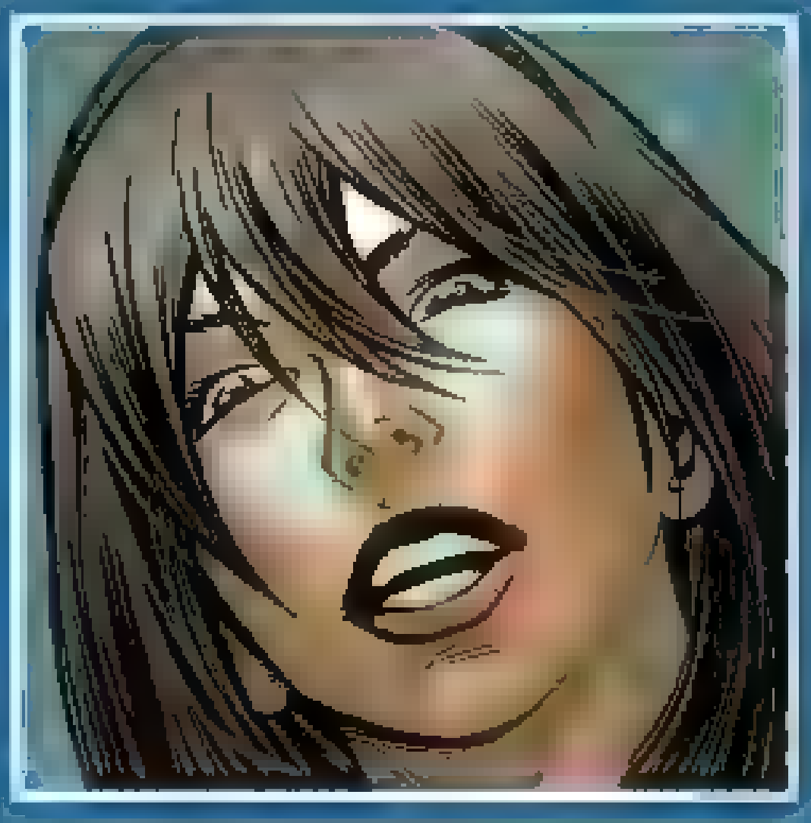

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Telepathic mind control

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When Shan and Dani disappear while investigating possible mutant activity in Westcliffe, Colorado, their fellow New Mutants rush to their aid. But upon arriving, Sam and his crew are unable to find any evidence of their teammates... only a bar full of suspicious locals and a picture of Marci—a missing girl who Illyana seems to recognize.

While Amara and Illyana visit Marci's home, Sam and Roberto are attacked by the locals, eager to eject the mutants from their town. During the scuffle, Sam makes a startling discovery: he finds Shan, tied to a chair in the back of the bar, locked in a catatonic state. But Amara has made a similar discovery. In the basement of Marci's home, she's found a concrete box and Shan's voice coming from within. However, expecting to find Shan, Amara is taken off guard to find someone else entirely emerge from the concrete prison: LEGION.

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YOU'RE NOT MAKING SENSE, MAGMA. WE'VE GOT SHAN RIGHT HERE. SHE'S TIED UP...A PRISONER OR SOMETHING.
IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE SHE'S ALL THERE...
THAT'S WHAT I'M *SAYING*, GUYS...
I THINK THE REST OF HER IS HERE!
XI'AN COY MANH? IS THAT REALLY YOU?
ILLYANA? Y-YEAH. I'M STUCK IN THIS BODY.
SHAN, I DON'T KNOW HOW TO TELL YOU THIS, BUT IT'S ***DAVID HALLER***.
WHAT?! AMARA, ARE YOU FOR REAL? YOU MEAN ***LEGION***?
WELL, I'M NOT GOING TO LIE TO YOU...

THAT EXPLAINS A LOT.

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PART 2: SECURITY BLANKETS

BUT IF THAT'S TRUE, HIS PSYCHE IS MORE FRACTURED THAN WE'VE EVER SEEN BEFORE.
THEY'RE COMING.
JUST A SECOND, SWEETIE.
SMASH!
"SWEETIE?" SHAN, WHO ARE YOU TALKING TO?
THE SUSPECTED MUTANT DANI AND I WERE LOOKING FOR. MARCI.
EVERYONE IN TOWN WAS PLAYING DUMB, SO I REACHED OUT WITH MY POWER TO SEE IF I COULD CONTACT THE GIRL'S MIND.
SHANK!
I FOUND HER CONSCIOUSNESS, BUT IT WASN'T IN HER BODY. IT WAS...*HERE.*
BOOM! BOOM! BOOM!
OPEN OPEN, PRETTY GIRLS...

BOOM! BOOM!
DANI WAS WITH ME WHEN IT HAPPENED. HAVE YOU SEEN HER?
NEGATIVE.
I'M IN TROUBLE HERE, GUYS. YOU NEED TO GET ME TO EMMA FROST. SHE MIGHT BE POWERFUL ENOUGH TO SORT THIS ALL OUT--
JUST A SECOND--
HIDE UP HERE. STAY QUIET.
SEND MORRIE UP NEXT. DAVEY TOL' ME TO KEEP HER SAFE.
IN A SECOND, SWEETIE.
YOU HIDE NOW.

SAM! KARMA'S STOPPED TALKING TO US. SOMETHING'S HAPPENING...
I'M GETTNG HER OUT OF THIS CHAIR.
YEEEARRRGHHHH!
BOBBY?
WHOA!
SHAN?! SAM SAYS YOUR POWERS ARE GOING HAYWIRE... WHAT'S GOING ON?!
...SHE KNOWS THE FIXERS...
...WON'T FIX US...
I DON'T KNOW--LOOK, I'M A LITTLE BUSY...

WELL, WELL WELL.
HELLO, DOLL. JACK WAYNE'S THE NAME. NEVER SEEN YOU BEFORE, BUT I THINK I KNOW A FEW OF YOUR FRIENDS...THE SILLY ROBOT WITH THE AUTISTIC FRIEND? THE WEREWOLF AND THE SQUAW?
...THE FIXERS...
THAT'S RIGHT, THE FIXERS. THE ONES WHO PUT LITTLE DAVID HALLER'S MIND BACK TOGETHER AGAIN. HE CAME HERE LOOKING FOR THEM SO THEY COULD DO IT AGAIN.
AS YOU MIGHT IMAGINE, WE'RE NOT PLANNING ON LETTING THAT HAPPEN.
HEH HEH.
NOW, THE WAY YOU'RE CLUTCHING THAT DOLL SUGGESTS YOU PROBABLY KNOW WE CAN'T DO ANYTHING UNLESS WE HAVE IT, SO I'M GOING TO CUT TO THE CHASE AND OFFER YOU A DEAL.
W-w-wolf and the squaw. The robot and the g-g-geek. Can't have them f-f-fixing us again.
HEH HEH.
HAND OVER THE DOLL, AND WE'LL JUST KILL YOUR FRIENDS. I CAN CONVINCE THE OTHERS TO LET YOU LIVE, BECAUSE, LIKE I SAID, WE DON'T KNOW YOU.
HEH HEH.
THAT'S RIGHT. YOU DON'T KNOW ME...

ARGH!
SNAP
HEE HEE!
AMARA, DO YOU HEAR ME-- THEY WANT DANI!
HA-- HARK!!
THEY WANT TO KILL DANI AND RAHNE--
DANI ISN'T SAFE! YOU NEED TO FIND HER!
SHAN, WHAT'S HAPPENING?!
MARCI, I NEED YOU TO BE BRAVE FOR ME, OKAY?!

SAM, WE'RE LOSING HER!
AH... AH DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO...
TAKE IT, MARCI! TAKE IT AND RUN!
RUN!!!
MADRE DE DIOS...WHAT'S HAPPENING TO HER?
AAAAAAHHH...
GARRRRR...

SHAN?! SHAN?!
SHAN'S WITH THE BAD MEN NOW.
THAT VOICE...
MARCI, IS THAT YOU?! DID YOU COME BACK TO ME, BABY?
THEY'RE COMING FOR ME, MOMMY. COMING TO TAKE ME AWAY!
I'M NOT LETTING THEM TAKE YOU ANYWHERE, BABY--
--YOU STAY THE HELL AWAY FROM MY DAUGHTER!
YOUR DAUGHTER? ARE YOU CRAZY--
SHE CRIES AS MY MOTHER DID, WHEN THE DEMONS CAME FOR ME.
THAT IS HER DAUGHTER.
YEAH, MAYBE. BUT IT'S ALSO OUR FRIEND...

WE'RE TAKING HIM TO EMMA. NOW.
THEY'RE COMING FOR ME, MOMMA...
GET YOUR HANDS OFF OF HER! SHE MAY BE A MUTANT BUT SHE'S STILL MY DAUGHTER!
NO, YOUR DAUGHTER'S BODY IS ELSEWHERE, DO YOU UNDERSTAND?
THEY TOLD ME YOU'D DO THIS! WHEN SHE STUMBLED BACK INTO TOWN, LOOKING LIKE THAT BUT ASKING FOR HER MOTHER...
THEY SAID SHE MUST BE A MUTANT... SOME SORT OF SHAPE-SHIFTER...
THEY SAID IF I DIDN'T LOCK HER UP THEY WOULD. SAID I HAD TO KEEP HER OUT OF SIGHT OR OTHER MUTANTS WOULD COME...
SO THAT'S WHAT I DID...
BUT YOU CAME *ANYWAY!* YOU CAME, BUT I WON'T LET YOU *TAKE* HER!
MEL, STOP.
WHAT?
LET THEM TAKE IT, MEL.

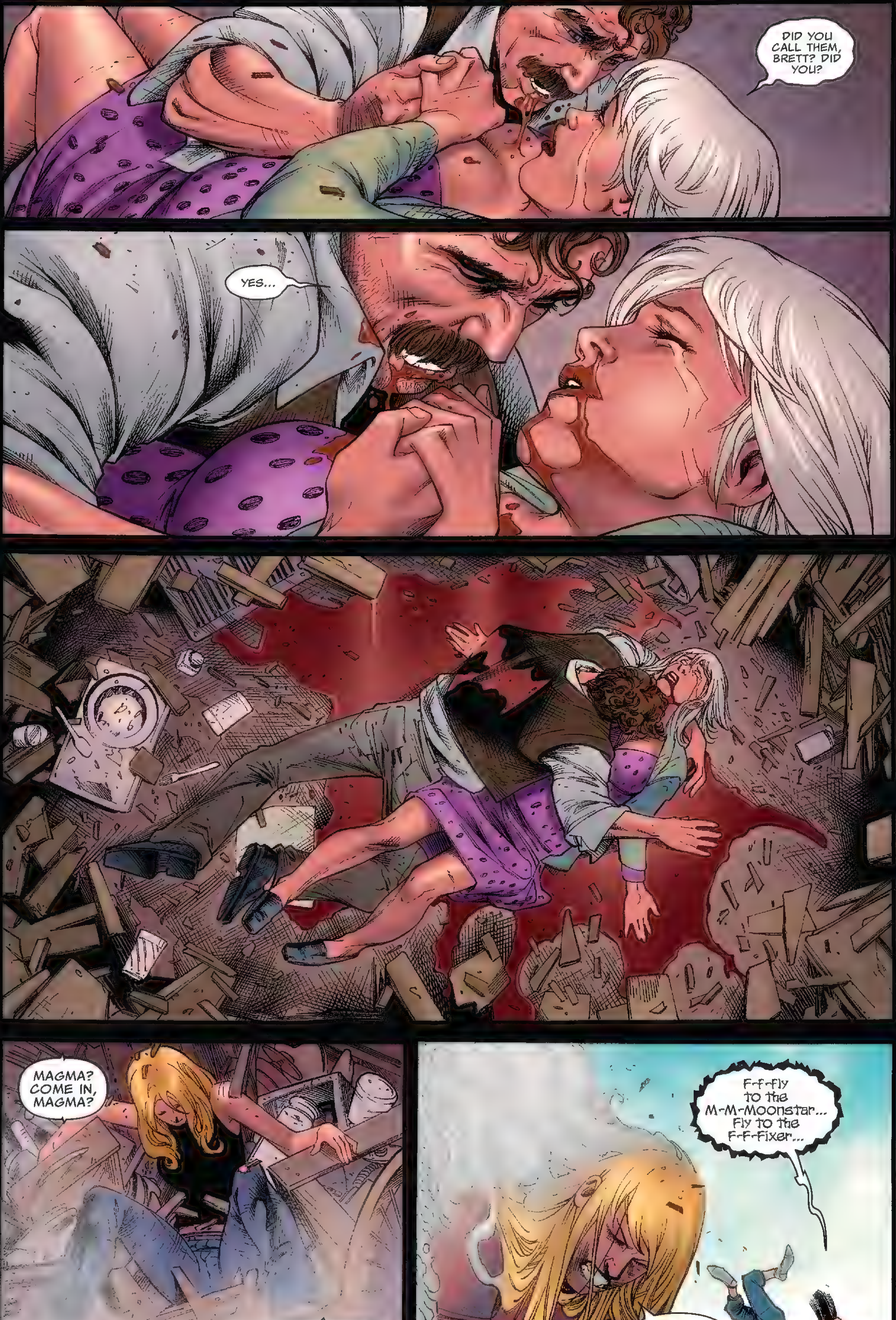
I-IT?
TH-THAT THING ISN'T OUR DAUGHTER. YOU NEED TO LET THEM TAKE IT.
BRETT, LOOK AT ME...DID YOU--
YOU CALLED THEM, DIDN'T YOU?
NO-- NO!
THAT'S WHY THEY'RE HERE!
THEY'RE COMING...
MOMMY! DON'T LET THEM GET ME!
YOU'RE GOING TO LET THEM TAKE OUR LITTLE GIRL!
H-HELP ME...
THERE'S NOTHIN' WE CAN DO, HONEY...

"...THEY'RE GONNA KEEP COMING UNTIL THEY GET WHAT THEY WANT."
MOMMY!
GAK...
TH- THAT'S OUR DAUGHTER...
"WE CAN'T LEAVE HER IN THE HANDS OF STRANGERS."
DADDY! HELP!
AAAAAAAHHHHH
FINALLY...

...I GET TO INTRODUCE MYSELF.
HI. MY NAME'S DREXEL.
$#@$ YOU.
OH, GOD...
W-WHAT DID YOU SAY?

OH, $@$%$#! THAT FELT GOOD!
HEY!
GIVE THAT BACK!
HEH HEH HEH. MY TURN.
HEH. HEH.
HAAAARRRRRRRR!

BABY? WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
COME ON, LET ME HAVE HER. IT'S MY TURN!
IT'S OKAY, BABY.
MEL, DON'T--
AWW, I WANTED HER...
TOO BAD!
HURK!
GLORG!
HA, TWO FOR ONE!
G-g-give it here. J-J-Jack says M-M-Moonstar is close...
F-f-fly away to the moon...
B-BRETT...


DID YOU CALL THEM, BRETT? DID YOU?
YES...
MAGMA? COME IN, MAGMA?
'YANA? WHAT'S HAPPENING?
F-F-Fly to the M-M-Moonstar... Fly to the F-F-Fixer...
LEGION'S GOING AFTER DANI, SAM... YOU'VE GOT TO FIND HER.

YOU'VE GOT TO FIND HER **NOW.**
ALL RIGHT, PIGGY, THE GIRL THAT CAME IN WITH OUR FRIEND. WHAT DID YOU DO WITH HER!?
SHE WAS DISTURBING THE PEACE, ALRIGHT? ASKING ABOUT MUTANTS...TRYING TO START A PANIC.
WHERE. IS. SHE?
IN JAIL. WE DIDN'T HURT HER...
LIKE YOU DIDN'T HURT SHAN? DID SHE TIE HERSELF TO THAT CHAIR?!
AGH!! NO! WHEN WE TOLD HER WE DIDN'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT NO MUTIE GIRL SHE SAID SHE WAS GOING TO CHECK IF WE WERE LYING!
NEXT THING SHE'S FOAMING AT THE MOUTH!
COME ON, BOBBY, WE'LL CHECK HIS STORY OUT WITH DANI.
BUT WHAT ABOUT SHAN?
SHE'S FINE. MAYNARD THERE STARTED SHAKIN' JUST LIKE *HER* WHILE HE WAS TYING HER UP. NO ONE'S GONNA TOUCH HER.
SHE WAS JUST TRYING TO HELP, YOU KNOW.
OH YEAH? LIKE "*HELP*" TURN WESTCLIFFE INTO A ***CRATER?***
I KNOW WHAT HAPPENS TO TOWNS WITH MUTIE KIDS.
EVER HEARD OF A LITTLE PLACE CALLED COOPERSTOWN, ALASKA?

DAMN, LOW BLOW.
YEAH.
FREEZE!
STOP WHERE YOU ARE AND PUT YOUR HANDS OVER YOUR HEAD.
NO TIME FOR THIS, RIGHT?
NO TIME.
HATE DOING THIS IN FRONT OF PEOPLE.
HUP! YEAH, BUT WHAT ARE YOU GONNA DO?
NOW, JUST WHAT IN THE HELL DO YOU TWO BOYS THINK YOU'RE DOING?

BOOM!

OH MY--
YOU'RE NOT SUPPOSED TO BE OUT, YOU KNOW. FOR YOUR OWN SAFETY.
IF YOU DON'T LEAVE I'M GONNA HAVE TO CALL--
A-B
C
DONUTS
CELL BLOCK
DANI, DANI, YOU'RE GOING TO DIE, DANI.
WHICH WAY WOULD YOU LIKE US TO KILL YOU...FOR WE HAVE MANY.

THEN COME ON IN. I'VE GOT A FEW MYSELF.

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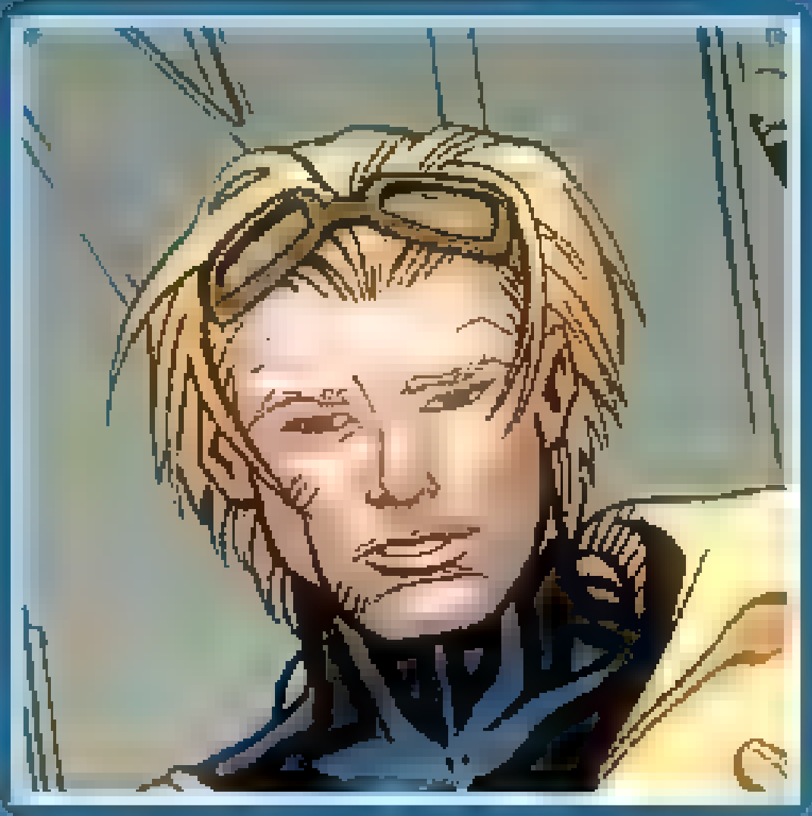
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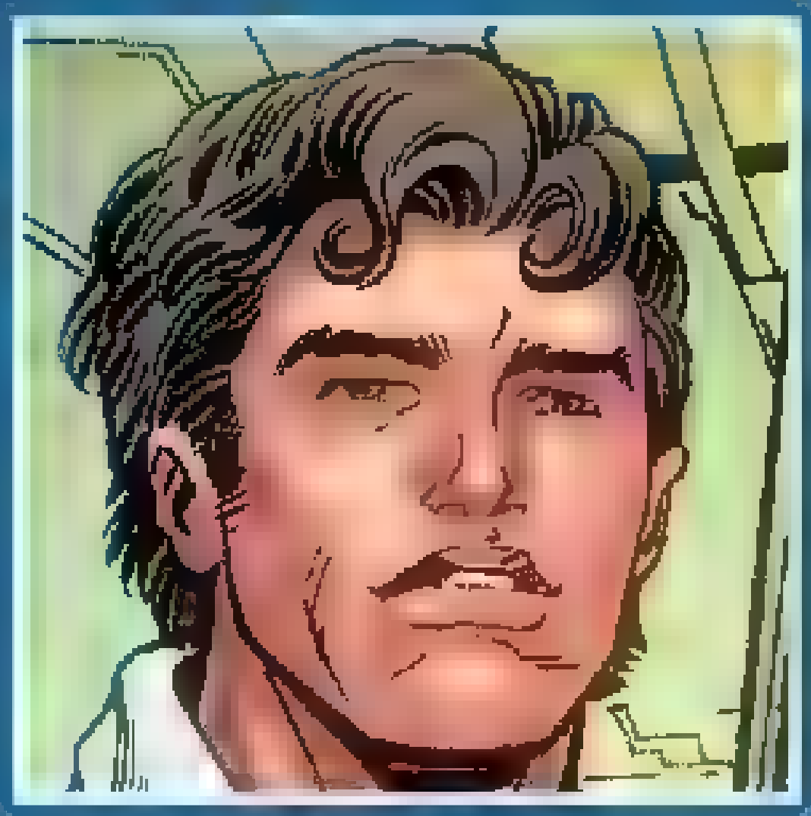
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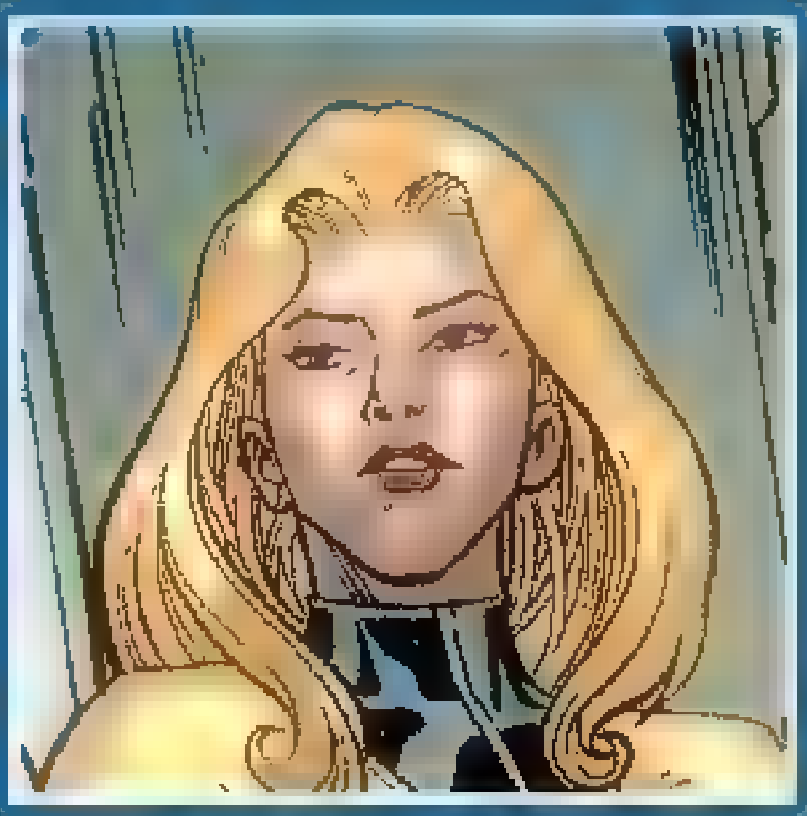
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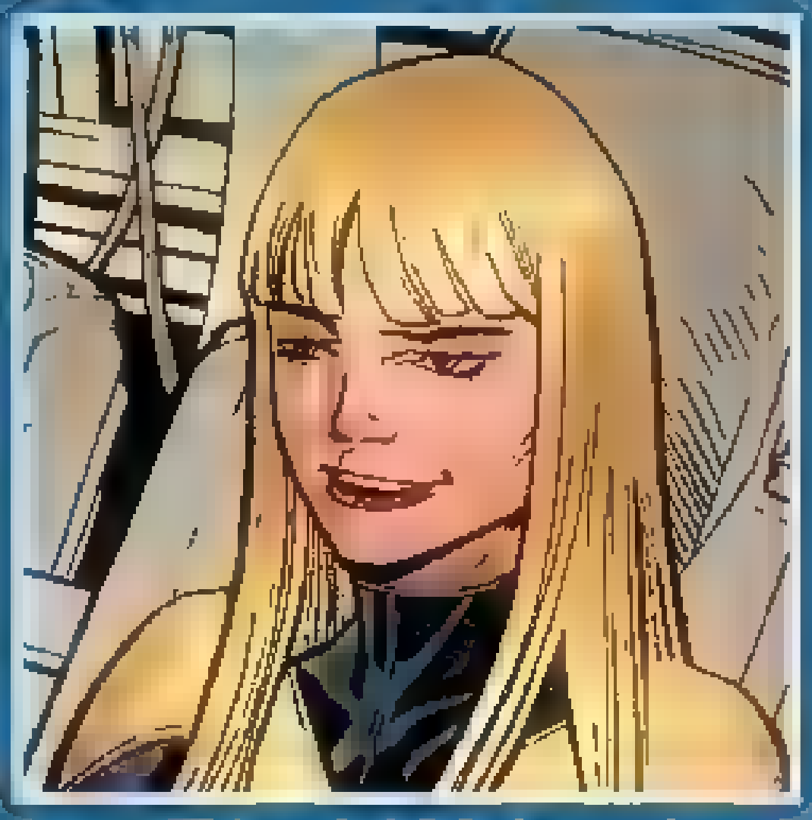
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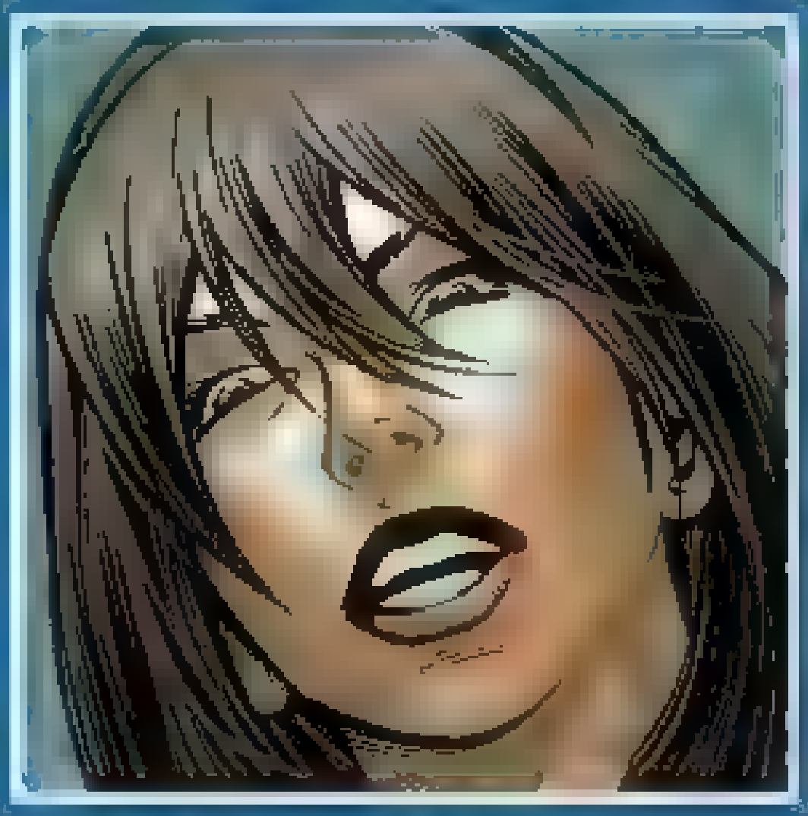
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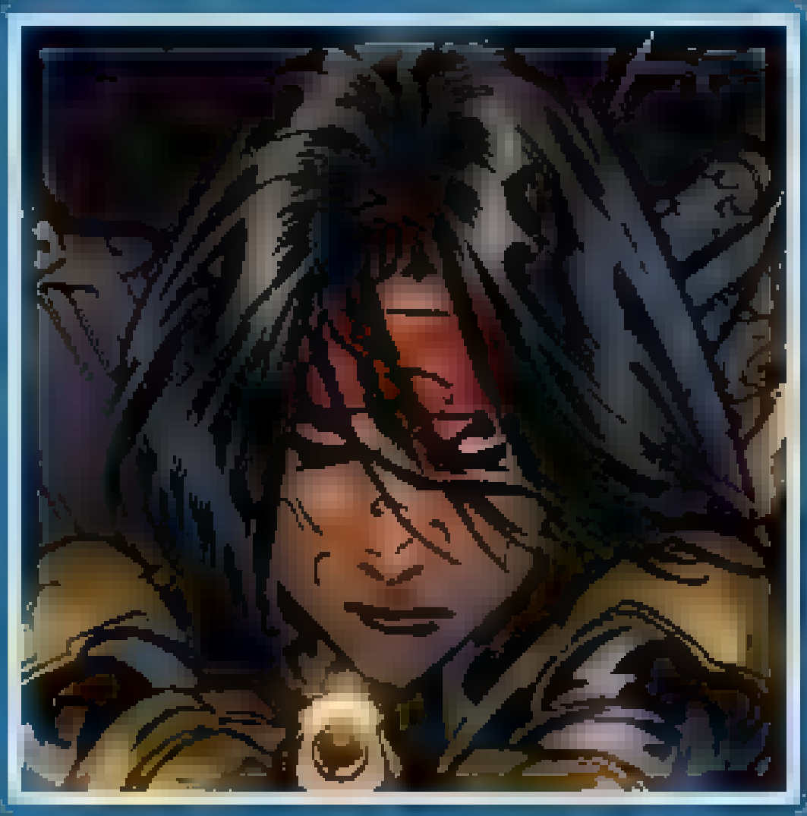
DANI MOONSTAR
De-powered

When Shan and Dani disappear while investigating possible mutant activity in Westcliffe, Colorado, their fellow New Mutants rush to their aid. While searching the town, Sam makes a startling discovery: he finds Shan, tied to a chair in the back of a bar, locked in a catatonic state. But Amara has made a similar discovery in another part of town: she's found a concrete box and Shan's voice coming from within. However, expecting to find Shan, Amara is taken off guard to find someone else entirely emerge from the concrete prison: former friend and foe Legion.

The New Mutants learn that Legion, who is plagued by multiple personalities, was in search of the "fixers"—the mutants who had previously helped heal his fractured mind—hoping they could do so again. But now Shan is trapped inside Legion's psyche...along with an army of other personalities, each fighting for control of Legion's body and each one possessing superhuman abilities of its own. And now, one's seized control of Legion and is on his way to extinguish the nearest fixer: Dani Moonstar.

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HEY THERE, DOLL. REMEMBER ME?
JACK WAYNE.
HA HA! SMART GIRL. I HAD TO DO SOME SLICK TALKING TO SNAG THE HONORS OF OFFING YOU.
THERE'S A BIT MORE COMPETITION IN HERE THESE DAYS. YOU SHOULD SEE IT, WE'RE FINALLY LIVIN' UP TO OUR NAME!
WE'RE *LEGION.*

HMMM. STRONG BARS...
ASK YOURSELF IF YOU REALLY WANT ME OUT OF THIS CAGE, WAYNE. YOU NEED TO THINK ABOUT THAT *REAL* HARD.
DON'T BLUFF A BLUFFER, LITTLE LADY. I KNOW YOU LOST YOUR MUTIE POWERS-- OR I SHOULD SAY YOUR FRIEND KNOWS IT. AN' SINCE SHE'S PART OF *US* NOW, THAT'S THE SAME THING AS ME KNOWING.
SHE FEELS SORRY FOR YOU. DID YOU KNOW THAT?
SHUT UP!
YOU'RE NOT EVEN A REAL PERSON, SCUMBAG! YOU'RE JUST A FIGMENT OF DAVID HALLER'S IMAGINATION.
THAT'S RIGHT. DAVID'S *FANTASY* OF A MAN'S MAN TO DO EVERYTHING HE'S STILL SCARED OF.
THAT'S WHY YOU WON'T GET RID OF ME. DAVID *NEEDS* ME. NEEDS ME TO DEAL WITH THINGS A MAN DEALS WITH.
LIKE WOMEN, DANI.
MAYBE, BEFORE I KILL YOU, I SHOULD TEACH DAVID ABOUT THE BIRDS AND THE BEES.
TRY IT, MOTHER--

THOOM THOOM THOOM
EH--
THOOM

I CAN'T SEE WHERE HE LANDED. WE SHOULD GET AFTER HIM.
YOU ALL RIGHT, DANI?
YEAH... THE CELL SLOWED HIM DOWN...JUST ENOUGH.
WHERE'S SHAN? IS SHE OKAY?
FINE. GET ME OUT OF THIS CELL.
SHE'S TRAPPED INSIDE LEGION. WE'VE GOT TO GET THEM BOTH TO EMMA.
LET'S MOVE!
SAM?
LET ME OUT, SAM.
THE LAST THING SHAN SAID WAS THAT LEGION WAS COMING FOR YOU BECAUSE YOU WERE PART OF THE TEAM THAT "FIXED" HALLER'S MIND BEFORE.
MAYBE YOU'D BE SAFER--

SAM...
LET. ME. OUT.
HE'S BACK UP, GUYS! COME ON!
I-I'M SORRY, DANI. WITHOUT YOUR POWERS--
YOU SAID YOURSELF HE HAD TROUBLE WITH THE CELL...
SAM, DON'T YOU DO THIS!!
CYCLOPS PUT ME IN CHARGE, DANI. YOU'RE MY RESPONSIBILITY.
SAM! YOU #$%@!
DON'T YOU DO THIS!

I KNOW... I KNOW...I SHOULD HAVE JUST OFFED HER. FINE...
TAKE IT AWAY, SALLY.
NOBODY LOVES ME...
NOBODY LOVES ME...
COME AGAIN?
NOBODY...
LOVES ME..!!

I...
I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT TO SAY TO THAT.
YEEARRGGHHH!!!
CAREFUL, BOBBY!
WUMP

COME ON, MAN. SUIT UP AND GET YOUR HEAD IN THE GAME.
I DIDN'T EXPECT HIM TO SAY THAT, ALRIGHT?
WHERE'S DANI?
SAFE.
UH-UH-UH-UH... *SOB*
OH, MY GOD--
ARE YOU CRYING!? GIVE ME THAT!
HURT ME... JUST LIKE ALL THE REST...
NOBODY LOVES ME...
TALLY-HO, OL' CHUMS! NAME'S HUGH DAVIDSON! SURELY WE CAN TALK ABOUT THIS LIKE ADULTS. WORK OUT A DEAL. YOU LEAVE US ALONE, WE LEAVE YOU ALONE?
SORRY, "HUGH," BUT UNLESS YOU'RE WILLING TO COME TO SAN FRANCISCO FOR SOME SERIOUS COUCH TIME WITH EMMA FROST, WE'VE GOT A PROBLEM.
HMMMM. WELL IN THAT CASE.

DAMMIT!
BOBBY!
--URK!
SAAAAAAMMMMM...
THUD!
HUUUUUUUUUH!
SMASH!

P-PLEASE... PLEASE NO HURT ME NO MORE...
SUPPOSED TO HELP ME...
SEE, WATCH THIS, BOBBY. INSTEAD OF TALKING ABOUT HIS FEELINGS I'M GOING TO KNOCK HIM THE #$@&% OUT.
KAFF!
NO, LET ME.
WHY YOU WANNA DO THAT TO ME? ME NICE...
YOU HIT ME TOO HARD, ANOTHER BAD ONE TAKE A TURN...
IF YOUR TONGUE LEAVES YOUR MOUTH, I'M BUSTING YOUR HEAD OPEN.
WHY YOU TALK SO MEAN? ME A GOOD ONE.
WE'LL HAVE TO RESTRAIN YOU.

ME NO FIGHT YOU. ME A GOOD ONE. NOT LIKE THE OTHERS.
JUST HOW MANY "OTHERS" ARE THERE?
ME NOT SURE. HUNDREDS. THOUSANDS, MAYBE?
HOW DID IT GO FROM THREE TO "THOUSANDS"?!
BISHOP USE KNIFE MADE OF DAVID-THOUGHT AND HURT US REAL BAD. WE FELL TO THE PLACE THAT NEVER BE REAL AGAIN. THE NO-TIME.
WHAT?--
HNNGH!
L-LEGION?
WE GOT LOST IN THE NO-TIME. THE BAD SOMETIMES CAUGHT OTHERS. MADE THEM SLAVES LIKE ME.

THEY MADE DAVID SAD. SO HE BROUGHT US HERE, WHERE HE SAY THE FIXERS BE.
WHAT IS HE TALKING ABOUT?!
DANI AND RAHNE WERE PART OF THE TEAM THAT PUT DAVID HALLER BACK TOGETHER AGAIN. THE "FIXERS."
BUT BAD ONES DON'T WANT TO BE FIXED. WANT TO KILL.
TH-THAT'S WHY THEY MAKE ME KILL THE FIXER NOW.
"NOW"? WAIT A MINUTE--
OH, GOD. WHAT'S *YOUR* POWER?
ME SO SORRY.

THEY KILL ME IF I DON'T DO THIS...
-KAKK!-
ME MADE YOUR FRIENDS SCARED. THEY COMING TO SAVE YOU.
WON'T BE HERE IN TIME.
ME SO SORRY.

⊰GASP!⊱
GOT IT.
DANI?!
YOU LIVE?
YES...
GOOD.

DANI!
OH, GOD. I'M SORRY, I DIDN'T--
I DIDN'T KNOW...
DANI WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
TO MAKE MYSELF USEFUL.

SAM, SHAN IS STILL TRAPPED INSIDE THE MONSTER. YOU FOUND HER BODY?
AT THE BAR YOU LEFT US AT. BUT WE CAN'T HELP HER. HER POWERS ARE OUT OF CONTROL.
YOU GET TOO CLOSE AND YOU'RE TAKIN' A ONE-WAY TRIP TO LEGION'S MIND, TOO.
AND THIS IS BAD? PERHAPS WE COULD RESCUE HER.
YOU KNOW, SAM...SHE MIGHT HAVE A POINT.
EVERYONE LISTEN TO ME. I WANT TO SAVE SHAN JUST AS MUCH AS ALL OF YOU, BUT IF ANY OF US GO IN THERE BEFORE LEGION'S BODY IS SECURED IT'S SUICIDE.
IT'S GOING TO TAKE ALL OF US TO SUBDUE LEGION AND GET HIM TO EMMA. SHE'S THE ONLY ONE WHO'S QUALIFIED TO GO POKING AROUND IN DAVID HALLER'S MIND.
YOU DO NOT KNOW HOW FAR I HAVE TRAVELLED TO PROTECT HER, SAM. SHE IS TOO IMPORTANT. I MUST TRY.
ILLYANA, STOP! IF YOU GO IN THERE YOU COULD LOSE YOURSELF FOREVER!
WHAT MAKES YOU SO SURE, SAM, THAT I HAVE A SELF TO LOSE?

OH, WELL...THAT'S *GREAT.*
EH, SHE'S GONE, BUDDY. WHAT'S NEXT?
I'M NOT TRYING TO STEP ON YOUR TOES, SAM, BUT WE'RE OUT-MATCHED HERE. WE NEED YOU TO CALL THE X-MEN.
NO, YOU'RE RIGHT. BUT WE SHOULD GET A MOVE ON. WE CAN'T GIVE LEGION TIME TO GO AFTER DANI AGAIN.
THAT'S NOT GOING TO BE AN ISSUE.
WE'RE GOING AFTER *HIM.*

ILLYANA, THIS IS SAM. WE'RE GOING TO TRY AND TAKE LEGION DOWN.
YOU NEED TO BE AWARE OF THE RISKS OF WHAT YOU'RE ABOUT TO DO.
IF LEGION DIES WHILE YOU'RE IN THERE, YOU'RE GONNA DIE TOO. WE'RE GOING TO TRY AND KEEP HIM ALIVE, BUT I CAN'T GUARANTEE IT.
ALSO, DANI SAYS IT COULD KILL DAVID IF EVEN ONE OF HIS PERSONALITIES "DIES" IN HIS MINDSCAPE.
UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES ARE YOU TO HARM ANY OF THEM.
AM I MAKING MYSELF CLEAR, ILLYANA?
UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES ARE YOU TO CAUSE HARM TO ANY OF DAVID HALLER'S PERSONALITIES.

ILLYANA? ARE YOU THERE?
NEW ONE.
PRETTY.
WANT HER.
I AM HERE FOR XI'AN COY MANH!
TAKE ME TO HER.
NOW.
HA!
LIKE I ALWAYS SAY, SWEETHEART, YOU CAN'T BLUFF A BLUFFER. WE KNOW YOUR BOSSMAN WON'T LET YOU USE THAT SWORD OF YOURS. WE HEARD 'IM.
YEAH...
HEARD HIM...
OH, YOU HEARD HIM, DID YOU? THAT'S GOOD.

TO TELL YOU THE TRUTH, I WASN'T PAYING ATTENTION.
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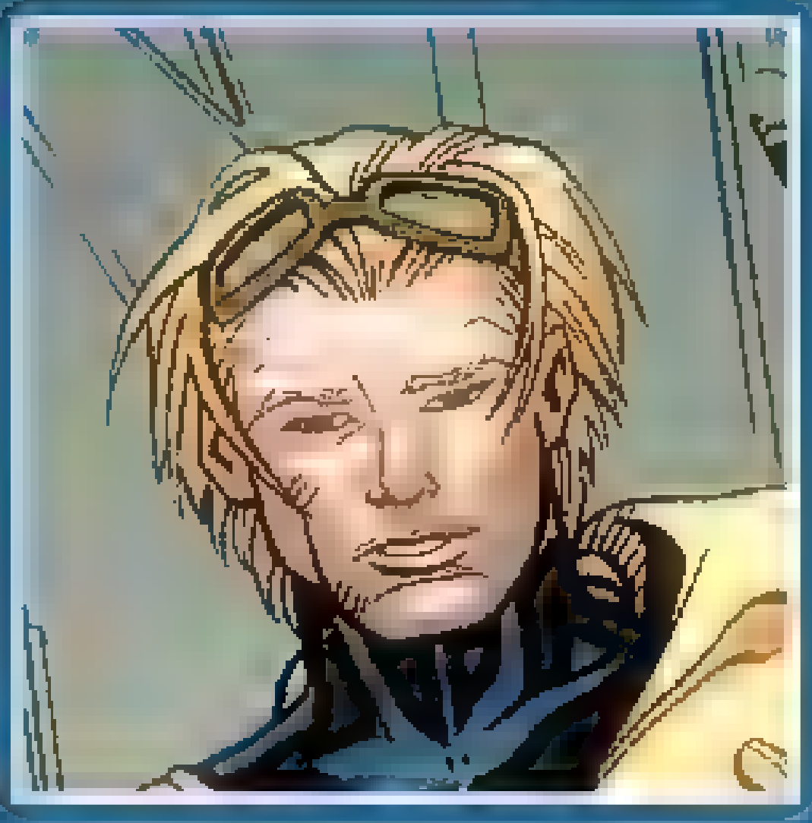

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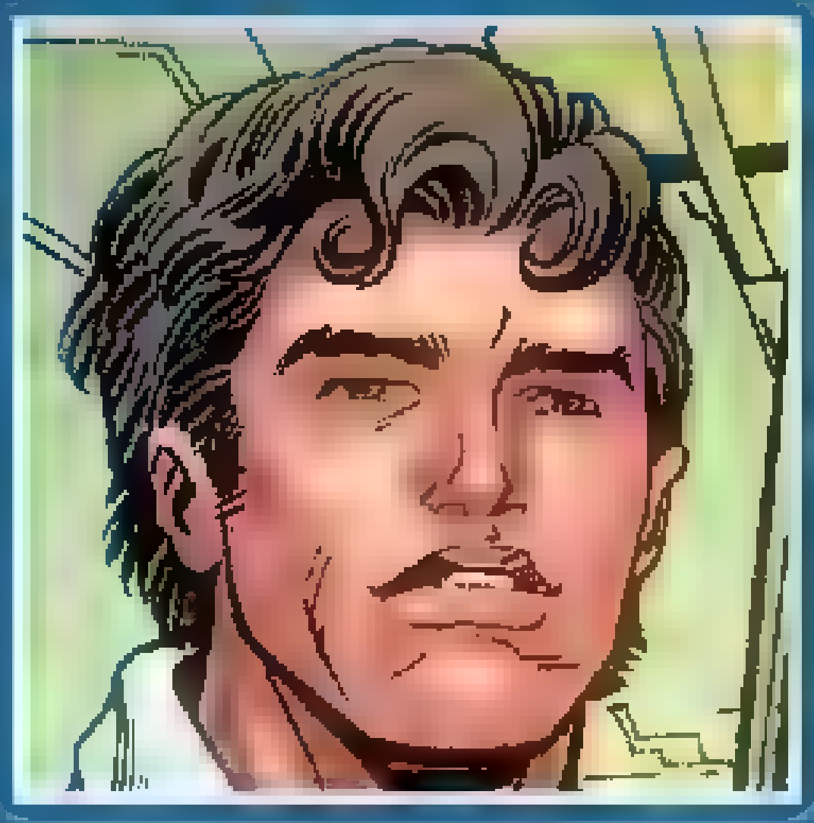

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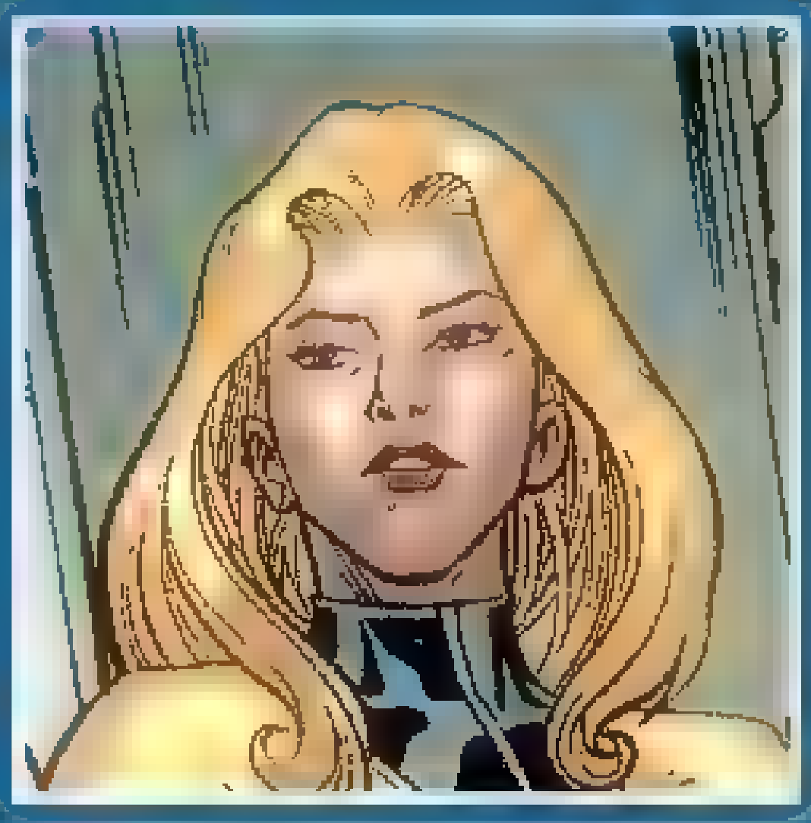

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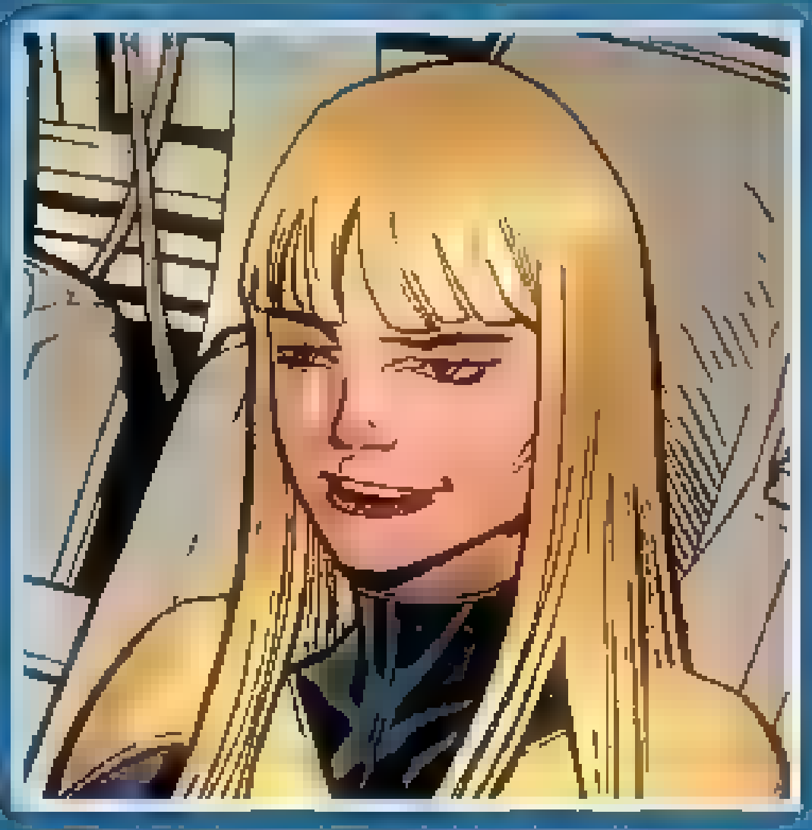

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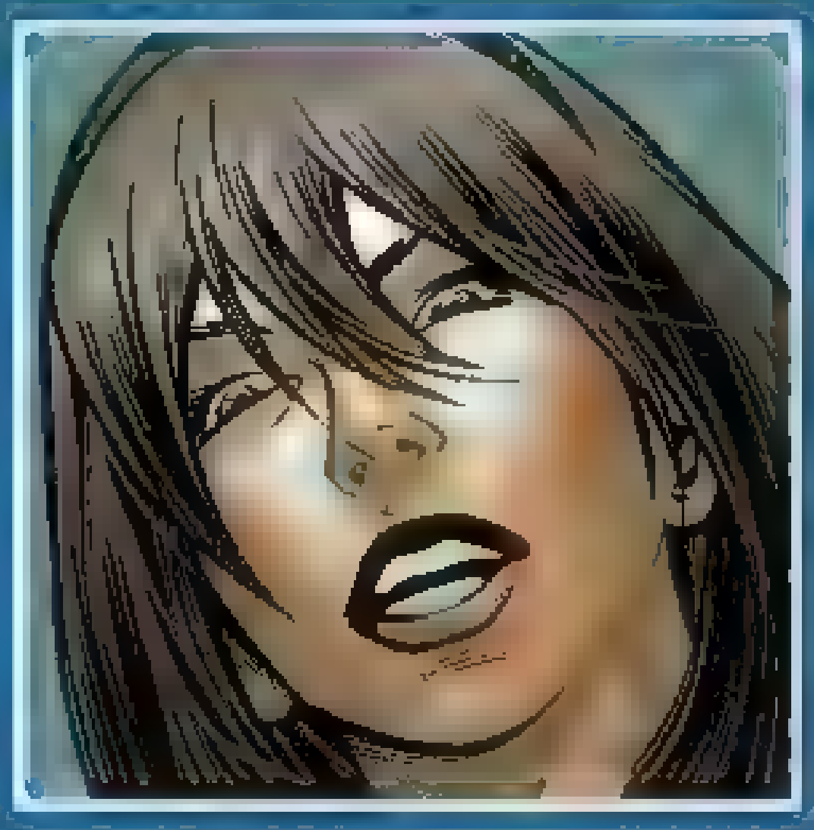

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The New Mutants slow Legion as he moves toward his first target, Dani Moonstar, but they do so at risk: harming Legion could also harm Shan, who is trapped inside Legion's psyche. Determining that their best course of action is to subdue Legion and get him back to the X-Men, the New Mutants prepare themselves to confront the near-omnipotent mutant. But Illyana has plans of her own. Hoping to rescue Shan and disable Legion from the inside out, she enters Legion's psyche and immediately begins to dispatch

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LISTEN UP. WE ONLY HAVE A FEW SECONDS BEFORE LEGION IS ON TOP OF US.
TCH
CYCLOPS IS EN ROUTE WITH MORE X-MEN, BUT THEY'RE AT LEAST 30 MINUTES OUT. WE'RE IT.
SUNSPOT, KEEP YOUR DISTANCE. HE'S TOO UNPREDICTABLE AND YOU'RE NOT INVULNERABLE.
YEAH, SAM, I KNOW.
I'M THINKING OUT LOUD. AND WE'RE IN THE $#%$ NOW SO USE *CODENAMES*.
TRY TO KEEP LEGION OFF BALANCE. THROW STUFF AT HIM. *BIG* STUFF.
MAGMA, KEEP THE GROUND MOVING UNDERNEATH HIM. STAY MOLTEN AND GET CLOSE IF YOU CAN. HE'LL THINK LONG AND HARD BEFORE LAYING HANDS ON SOMEONE WITH THE BODY TEMPERATURE OF THE EARTH'S CORE.
GOT IT.
DANI, BOTH SHAN AND ILLYANA ARE INSIDE LEGION'S MIND. IF HE TAKES A BULLET WE COULD LOSE THEM ALL.
I'M A GOOD SHOT. I'LL AIM FOR HIS LEGS...
"CANNONBALL."
NO. YOU WON'T, DANI.

YOU NEED TO DRIVE AWAY AS FAST AS YOU CAN.
I CAN HELP.
NOW.
NO.
DAMMIT, DANI! THE MOST POWERFUL MUTANT ON THE PLANET WANTS YOU DEAD. IF YOU DON'T RUN, YOU DIE.
YOU'RE NOT A MUTANT ANYMORE. STOP PRETENDING YOU ARE.
I'M IN CHARGE AND THAT'S AN ORDER.
SQUEEEEEEEEEL!

ARE YOU SURE YOU--
NO. BUT I MADE THE DECISION.
IF WE STOP LEGION, DANI CAN KILL ME LATER.
LET'S MOVE. KEEP YOUR EYES OPEN.
QUIET! SHE'S GOING TO HEAR YOU!
THEN YOU HIDE 'TIL THE WITCH LEAVES... IF SHE LEARNS ABOUT THE DOLL, WE'RE ALL DONE.

ONE MORE TIME. WHERE IS XI'AN COY MANH?
Y-YOU KILLED THEM...HOW RUDE!
IT'S IMPOSSIBLE!
YOU BELIEVE YOURSELVES IMMUNE TO DEATH?
I BRING YOU A GOSPEL OF OBLIVION. I BRING YOU THE SOULSWORD.
TASTE IT AND CEASE TO BE.
She's an ally of the fixers...she wishes to end us all.
Now is the time to stand against her! There is only one of her--
BUT WE ARE MANY!

YOU ARE MANY.
I HAVE MANY WAYS TO KILL YOU.
SH-SHE'S THIS WAY.

IS SHE GONE?
YEAH, WE'RE IN THE CLEAR.
THANK GOD. I WAS TIRED OF WHISPERING.
I GUESS WE'RE GOING TO KILL YOU NOW, GANG. THAT MEANS WE NEED MORE THAN X-RAY VISION.
BUT, MAGMA, PLEASE, BEFORE I GO, I'VE GOT TO TELL YOU...
YOU LOOK *GREAT* NAKED.
GIMME THAT...

...BEEN A WHILE SINCE I'VE BEEN ABLE TO STRETCH MY LEGS.
GOTCHA!
WATCH IT, HOT STUFF!
KRAK
THIS'LL WORK.

DAMMIT!
YEP. STILL GOT IT.
AH!
SOMEBODY ELSE TAKE A TURN! THERE'S NO RUNNIN' THROUGH LAVA!
YOU SHOULD HAVE PLAYED NICE, LEGION.
SZZZZZZZ
NOW I HAVE TO BE ROUGH.

SHE'S IN THERE.
SHAN?
DON'T...
DON'T YOU TOUCH HER.

DO NOT BE AFRAID.
ILLYANA?
ARE YOU HURT?
I...I...
I FOUND MARCI. SHE'S OKAY.
HI.
HELLO, MARCI. DO YOU KNOW WHERE DAVID HALLER IS?
DAVEY?
THAT'S RIGHT.

Th-this heat...
...is nothing to ME.
We have traveled between realities. We have journeyed through stars and remained unburned.
I am the absence of heat.
I am the absence of love.

CRASH!!
ARE YOU OKAY?
She tasted good
FREEZING...
Can I have some more?
CRASH!!

DAVEY?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
NO, DAVEY. THE QUESTION IS WHAT THE #@$% ARE *YOU* DOING HERE?
NO NO NO...
I'VE BEEN BAD AGAIN, HAVEN'T I?

OH, GOD...THIS WASN'T SUPPOSED TO HAPPEN. I JUST WANTED SOMEONE TO FIX ME.
HEY, HEY, DAVEY?
WHAT IS IT?
THE BAD MEN TOOK MY DOLL.
I'M SO SORRY. I THOUGHT I'D HIDDEN YOU WELL ENOUGH... I'M SORRY THEY TOOK YOUR DOLL.
IT'S A SYMBOL, RIGHT? WHOEVER HAS IT HAS CONTROL OF YOUR BODY?
MORRIE'S NOT A SYMBOL, SHE'S A DOLL.
IT'S "MOIRA," MARCI. NOT "MORRIE."
THAT'S RIGHT. IF WE CAN GET IT BACK, WE CAN CLEAN UP THIS MESS.
HMMM...
THE DOLL.
NOW.

This one's invulnerable while he uses his power...
Yes...
VE HAVE VAYS TO DEAL WITH THAT...

I AM INJURED...
AND I'M HUNGRY.
GIVE IT TO ME. I CAN HEAL US...

THE FIXER. I'VE WONDERED HOW YOU WOULD TASTE WHEN I--
CRRRNCH!

DANI... NO...
HNNNN...
SUCH A PRETTY FACE...
RRAAAHH!!!

HNNN...
WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
ARGHH!
WE'RE JUST GETTING STARTED.
OKAY! I'M DOING HER!
BUT FIRST I WANT TO TAKE HER FACE...
CHOKE ON IT, YOU #@#$!
WAIT! STOP HER... NO!!

DANI?
YOU'RE ALIVE.
ILLYANA?
THIS IS GOOD.
AND THE OTHERS?
BANGED UP. BUT THEY SHOULD MAKE IT UNTIL CYCLOPS GETS HERE.
WHAT ABOUT LEGION? ARE WE SAFE?
YES, DANI...
EVERYTHING IS FINE.

LATER.
WHERE HAVE I BEEN?
YOU DON'T REMEMBER, MAYNARD. YOU'VE BEEN SICK WITH A STOMACH FLU FOR THE LAST TWO DAYS, JUST LIKE THE REST OF THE TOWN.
OF COURSE I HAVE.
YOU OKAY?
YEAH, JUST A LITTLE COLD...
I COULD PROBABLY MAKE SOME ROOM FOR YOU IN HERE...
THIS WILL FLATLINE YOUR BRAINWAVES FOR THE TRIP HOME.
I AM IN COMPLETE CONTROL... THIS ISN'T NECESSARY.
DON'T WORRY, THE HELMET'S NICE, IT'S NOT GOING TO HURT YOU.

DANI, YOU SAVED MY LIFE. THANK YOU.
I MESSED UP, CYCLOPS. I'M SORRY I LET YOU DOWN.
I SENT YOU IN UNPREPARED AND YOUR TEAM TOOK OUT AN OMEGA-LEVEL MUTANT. YOU'VE ALL PROVED YOURSELVES.
THE ENTIRE TEAM WAS INJURED FOLLOWING MY ORDERS.
ALL I CARE ABOUT IS THE HEADCOUNT, SAM. YOU BROUGHT EVERYONE HOME. THAT'S ALL I'LL EVER ASK OF YOU.
YEAH, BUT WHAT ABOUT MY *TEAM*? I GET THE FEELING THAT HALF OF THEM THINK THEY COULD HAVE DONE A BETTER JOB, AND ONE OF THEM OUT-AND-OUT HATES ME.
HEH. WELCOME TO MY WORLD.

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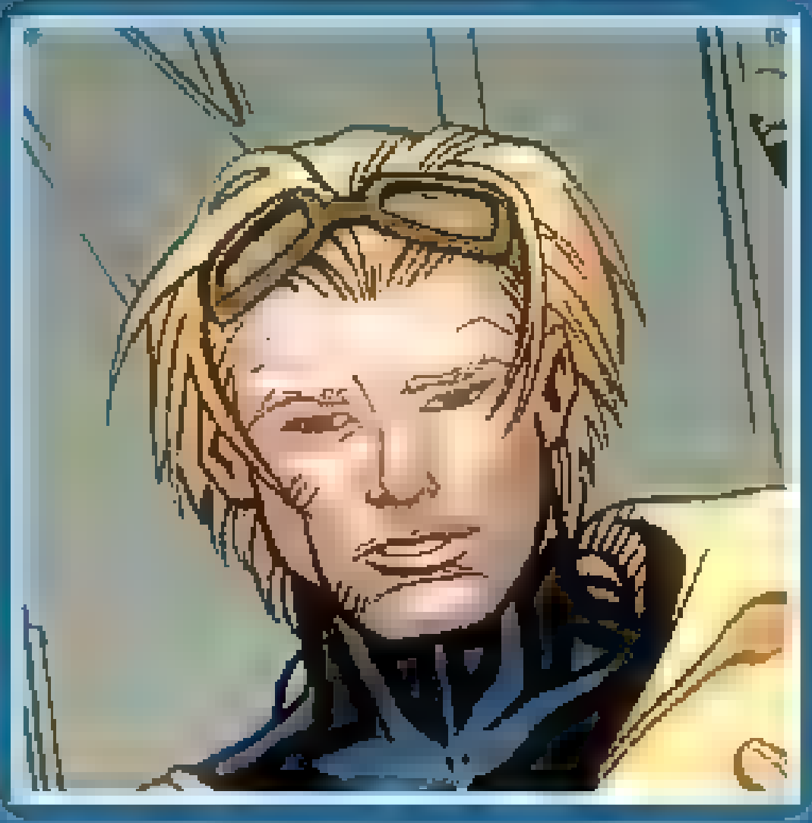
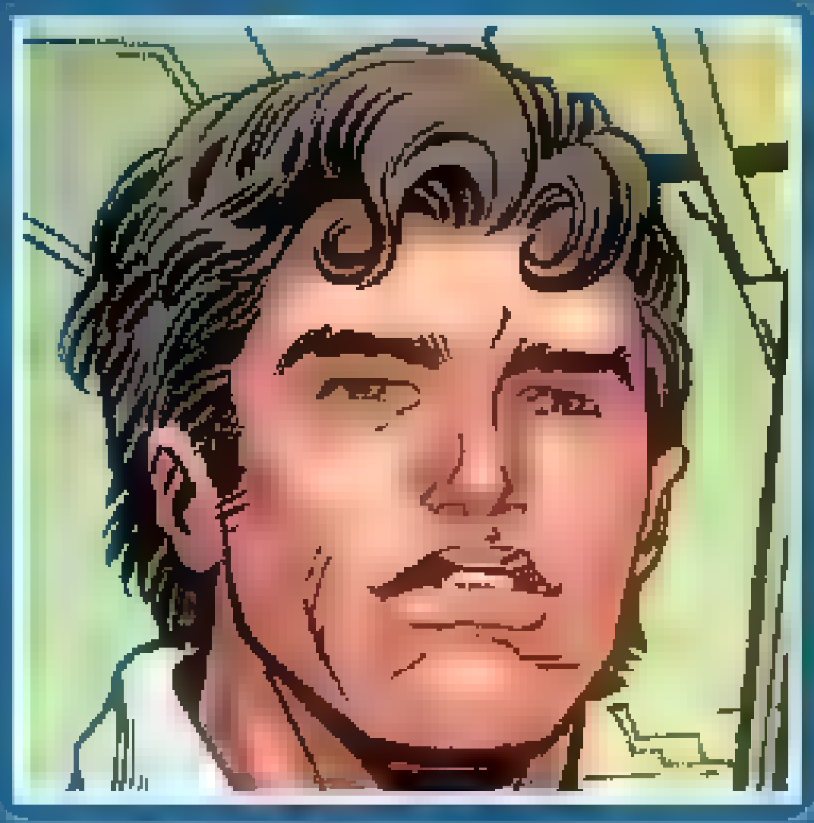
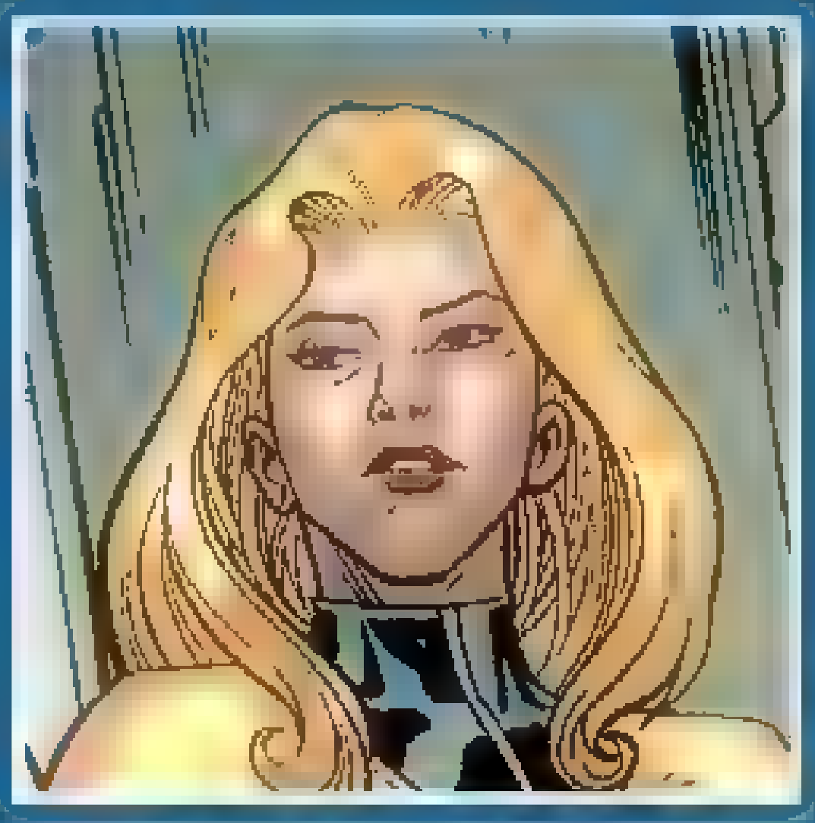


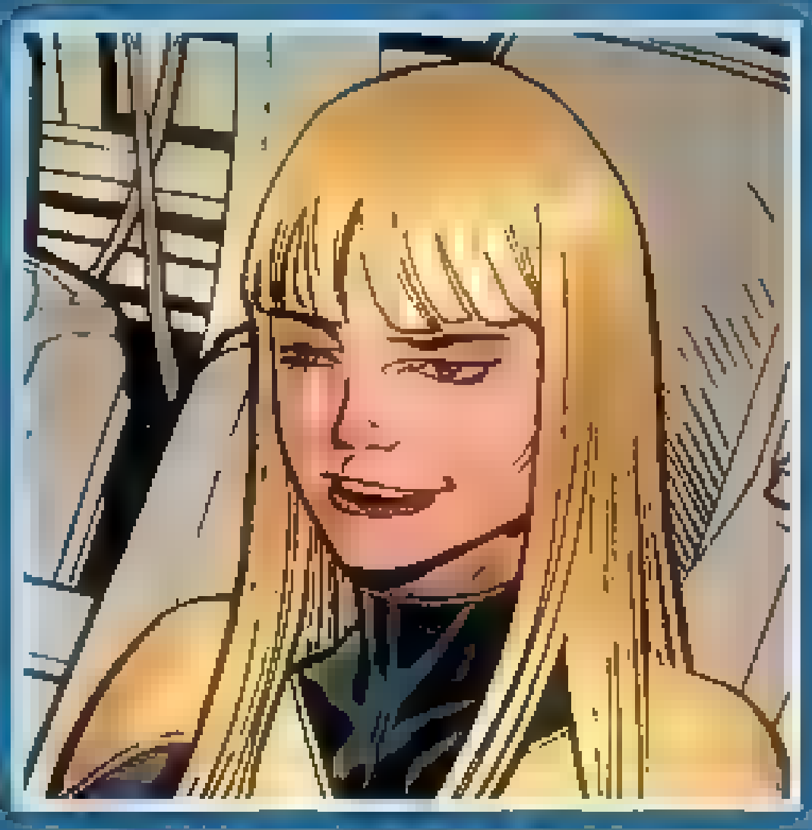
CANNONBALL
Sam Guthrie
Explosive blast field



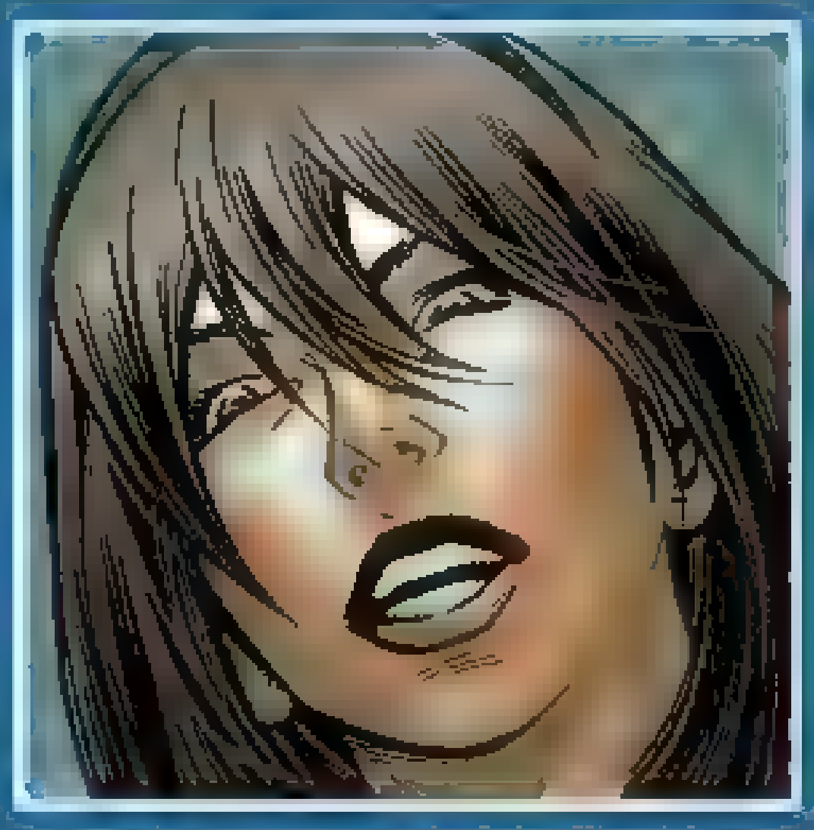
SUNSPOT
Roberto Da Costa
Solar energy absorption and manipulation



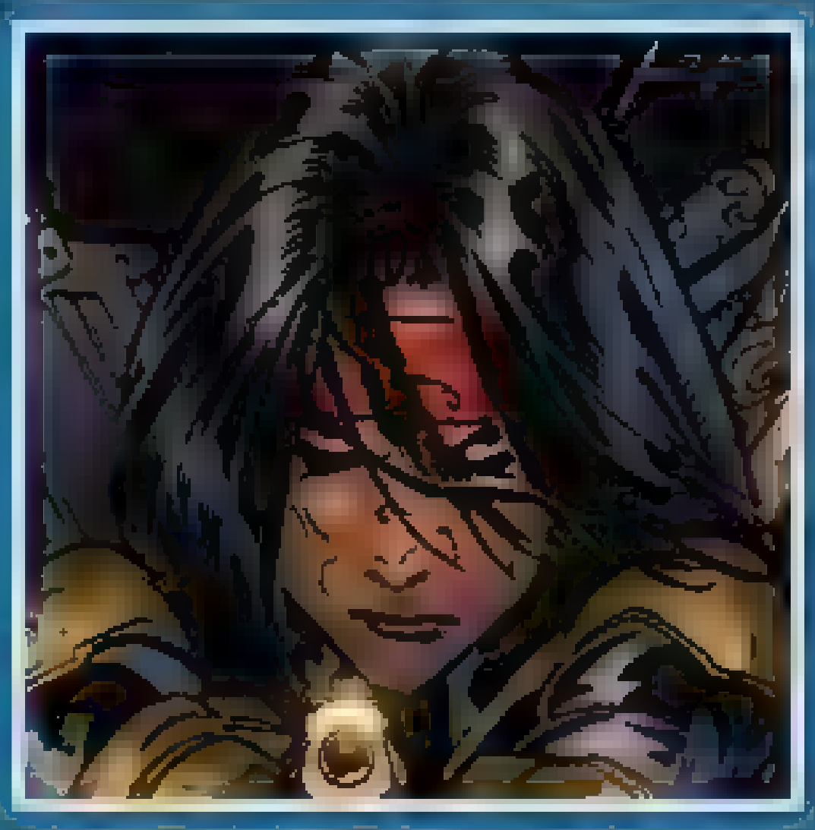
MAGMA
Amara Aquilla
Control over fire and molten earth



MAGIK
Illyana Rasputin
Teleportation, Soulsword



KARMA
Xi'an (Shan) Coy Manh
Telepathic mind control



DANI MOONSTAR
De-powered

After a hard-fought battle, the New Mutants subdued former friend and foe and near-omnipotent mutant Legion. Legion, who is plagued by multiple personalities, had been in search of help when he inadvertently absorbed Shan and a girl named Marci into his psyche. And while the New Mutants were able to extract Shan, Marci was left trapped inside Legion's mind, along with the army of other personalities who were fighting for dominance.

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TEN SECONDS TO INTERCEPT.
REQUEST PERMISSION TO ARM.
H.A.M.M.E.R. ANTI-E.T. MISSILE COMMAND.
MISSILE A.I. IS ASKING TO GO LIVE--
LOOK AT THAT THING MOVE!
NO WAY IT'S ONE OF OURS. PERMISSION TO ARM GRANTED. KILL TARGET.
"I'M STILL READING THE BOGEY. WHAT ARE THE MISSILES SAYING?"
"THEY DIDN'T BLOW UP."
WHAT?! WHY?!
THEY... THEY DIDN'T *WANT* TO.

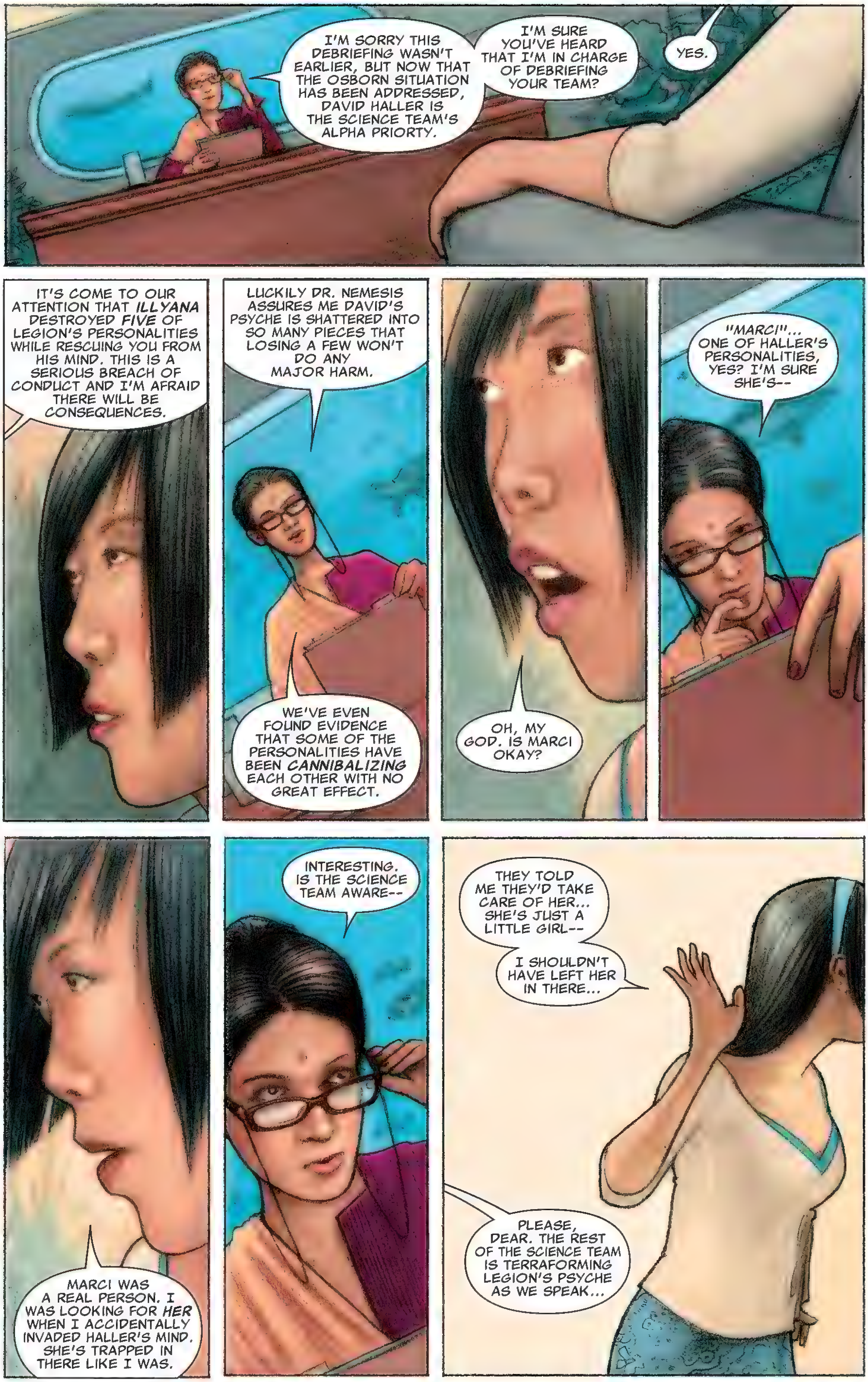
NEWFRIENDS WISH TO FLY WITH SELF FOR A WHILE?
AFFIRMATIVE.
THANK YOU.
DEBRIEF

UTOPIA. MUTANT NATION STATE OF THE X-MEN.
SOME CREATURES ARE JUST BORN TO FLY, AREN'T THEY?
I'M SORRY WE HAVE TO KEEP BRIGHTWIND COOPED UP IN HERE FOR THE TIME BEING.
OUR FIGHT WITH OSBORN'S AVENGERS MAY HAVE LEFT US A ROGUE NATION, BUT I DON'T WANT TO TEST AIRSPACE TREATIES UNTIL EVERYONE'S SETTLED DOWN.
HE'LL BE OKAY. STOMPING ALL OVER THE GOD OF WAR SHOULD BE ALL THE EXERCISE HE'LL NEED FOR A WHILE.
THAT WAS AMAZING, WHAT YOU DID OUT THERE. I COULDN'T ASK FOR A BETTER SOLDIER.
I'M NOT SURE WHAT YOU AGREED TO OR GAVE UP TO GET HELA TO GRANT YOU THAT POWER, BUT IF YOU OWE HER ANYTHING I CAN--
IT WAS MY DEAL TO MAKE, SCOTT. WHEN THE TIME COMES TO PAY THE PRICE, I DON'T EXPECT ANYONE ELSE REACHING FOR THEIR WALLET.
I KNOW, DANI. BUT UNTIL WE FIGURE OUT WHAT THAT PRICE IS, I WAS THINKING YOU MIGHT WANT TO START TEACHING AGAIN...
W-WHAT? BUT WHAT ABOUT SAM'S TEAM?

SAM SUBMITTED A PERMANENT TEAM ROSTER FOR HIS GROUP OF X-MEN.
YOU WEREN'T ON IT.
I'M SORRY, DANI.
"YOU WEREN'T ON IT." MIGHT AS WELL HAVE LET EMMA BREAK THE NEWS...
GET ME SAM. WE MIGHT HAVE A SITUATION HERE.

TEN

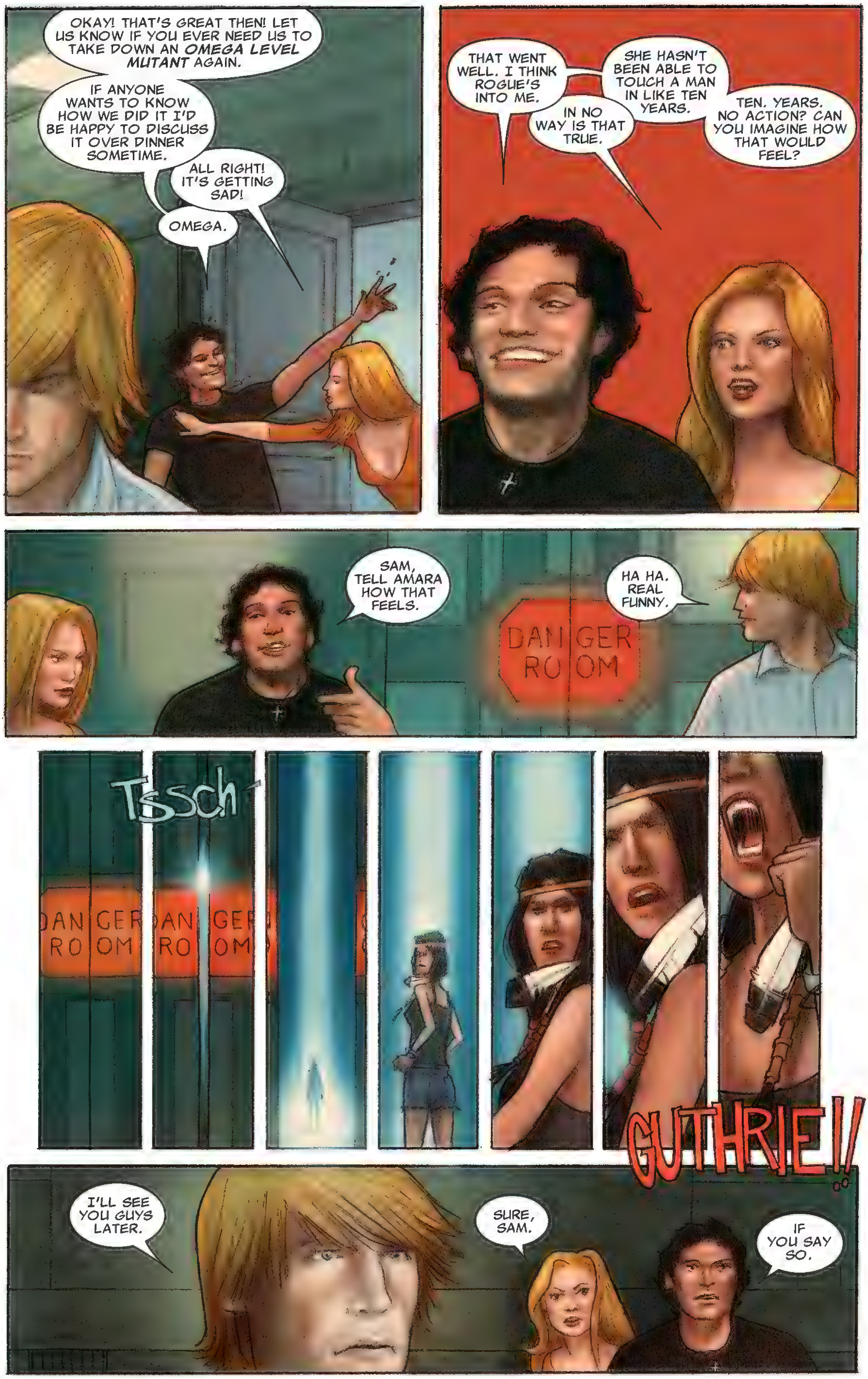
THANK YOU, ILLYANA. THAT WAS VERY HELPFUL.
IF I HAVE ANY MORE QUESTIONS I'LL BE IN TOUCH.
XI'AN COY MANH?
YOU CAN CALL ME SHAN...
OF COURSE. COME IN AND HAVE A SEAT, SHAN.


I'M SORRY THIS DEBRIEFING WASN'T EARLIER, BUT NOW THAT THE OSBORN SITUATION HAS BEEN ADDRESSED, DAVID HALLER IS THE SCIENCE TEAM'S ALPHA PRIORTY.
I'M SURE YOU'VE HEARD THAT I'M IN CHARGE OF DEBRIEFING YOUR TEAM?
YES.
IT'S COME TO OUR ATTENTION THAT **ILLYANA** DESTROYED **FIVE** OF LEGION'S PERSONALITIES WHILE RESCUING YOU FROM HIS MIND. THIS IS A SERIOUS BREACH OF CONDUCT AND I'M AFRAID THERE WILL BE CONSEQUENCES.
LUCKILY DR. NEMESIS ASSURES ME DAVID'S PSYCHE IS SHATTERED INTO SO MANY PIECES THAT LOSING A FEW WON'T DO ANY MAJOR HARM.
WE'VE EVEN FOUND EVIDENCE THAT SOME OF THE PERSONALITIES HAVE BEEN **CANNIBALIZING** EACH OTHER WITH NO GREAT EFFECT.
OH, MY GOD. IS MARCI OKAY?
"MARCI"... ONE OF HALLER'S PERSONALITIES, YES? I'M SURE SHE'S--
MARCI WAS A REAL PERSON. I WAS LOOKING FOR **HER** WHEN I ACCIDENTALLY INVADED HALLER'S MIND. SHE'S TRAPPED IN THERE LIKE I WAS.
INTERESTING. IS THE SCIENCE TEAM AWARE--
THEY TOLD ME THEY'D TAKE CARE OF HER... SHE'S JUST A LITTLE GIRL--
I SHOULDN'T HAVE LEFT HER IN THERE...
PLEASE, DEAR. THE REST OF THE SCIENCE TEAM IS TERRAFORMING LEGION'S PSYCHE AS WE SPEAK...

"I'M SURE SHE'S BEING WELL TAKEN CARE OF."
PLEASE BE CALM. YOU ARE BEING SEQUESTERED FOR YOUR OWN SAFETY. YOU WILL NOT BE HARMED.
THEY'RE GOING TO KILL US ALL!
YOU LITTLE BRAT! GIVE ME THE ##%$% DOLL!
PLEASE BE CALM. YOU ARE BEING SEQUESTERED FOR YOUR OWN SAFETY. YOU WILL NOT BE HARMED.
THEY'RE GOING TO KILL ALL OF US!!
NO, NO, NO!!!
WHAT'S HAPPENING, DAVID? I'M SCARED.
DON'T BE SCARED, MARCI.
THEY'RE REALLY DOING IT.
THEY'RE *FIXING* ME.
THAT'S ANOTHER ONE OF THE BASTARDS. 143 DOWN.
HIS PSYCHIC ENERGY IS WELL WITHIN SAFE PARAMETERS. YOU'RE SIPHONING OFF JUST ENOUGH OF HIS POWER, ROGUE. YOUR LEVEL OF CONTROL IS IMPRESSIVE.
THANK YOU KINDLY.

THAT'S REALLY AMAZING, ANNA. YOU'RE SUCH A STRONG WOMAN...
OH, GOD, BOBBY... STOP IT.
YEAH, COME ON, MAN. TAKE IT EASY.
WHAT'S THAT MACHINE DOING TO HIM?
I MEAN, IF I CAN ASK...
I SUPPOSE SINCE *YOUR* TEAM'S INTEL INFORMED THE DESIGN OF THE *"MACHINE"* I'M OBLIGATED TO TELL YOU. THOUGH I HAVE GRAVE DOUBTS OF YOUR ABILITY TO UNDERSTAND THE ANSWER.
HALLER'S MIND INSTINCTIVELY MANIFESTED A CRUDE MENTAL CONSTRUCT TO CREATE ORDER WITHIN HIS FRACTURED EGO. THIS WAS A *"DOLL"* THAT EXISTED ONLY INSIDE HIS MIND, BESTOWING DOMINANCE TO THE PERSONALITY THAT POSSESSED IT.
WE ARE USING A COMBINATION OF ELECTRIC PULSES AND SUGGESTIVE HYPNOSIS TO BUILD NEURAL PATHWAYS IN THE PATIENT'S BRAIN. THESE PATHWAYS MANIFEST THEMSELVES AS MENTAL CONSTRUCTS WHICH HAVE THEIR OWN *"RULES"* INSIDE LEGION'S MIND.
WE HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN MANIFESTING RUDIMENTARY *"CELLS"* WITH WHICH WE MAY ISOLATE AND CATALOGUE HIS PERSONALITIES.
DON'T FEEL BAD IF NONE OF THIS MAKES SENSE. HALF THESE MACHINES HAVE NO IDEA WHAT THEY'RE DOING EITHER.
THAT IS NOT TRUE.
I WASN'T TALKING ABOUT *YOU.* I WAS TALKING ABOUT THE REST OF THEM.
DO YOU NEED A BREAK, ROGUE?
NO...I'M FINE. IT'S A STRANGE FEELING. I USUALLY GET A FEEL FOR THE MUTANT POWERS I ABSORB, BUT THE ENERGY I'M SIPHONING OFF LEGION SEEMS... AMBIGUOUS.
IF ANYTHING, IT'S MAKING *MY* POWERS STRONGER...MORE FOCUSED.

YEAH, HE'S CHANGED SOMEHOW.
THE LAST TIME WE FOUGHT, HIS POWERS WERE PSYCHICALLY BASED... NOW SOME OF HIS PERSONALITIES HAVE *PHYSICAL* MUTATIONS.
BOBBY WAS ALMOST KILLED BY A PREHENSILE TONGUE THAT MUTATED INSTANTLY.
IT WASN'T REALLY THAT BAD. I HAD IT HANDLED.
WORST WINGMAN EVER...
THE LAST TIME YOU FACED LEGION HE TRAVELLED TO THE PAST AND KILLED PROFESSOR X. IT TOOK THE COMBINED MIGHT OF ALMOST EVERY X-MAN ON THE PLANET TO UNDO THE DAMAGE TO THE TIMESTREAM.
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
IF YOU DON'T REMEMBER, THAT WOULD BE BECAUSE YOU *WON,* WOULDN'T IT?
THE LOOK OF PAINED CONFUSION ON YOUR FACE IS MOST LIKELY THE REASON HANK McCOY NEVER DISCUSSED THAT PARTICULAR TIMELINE WITH YOU.
LUCKY FOR YOU, I ENJOY WATCHING THE MINDS OF THOSE LESS INTELLIGENT GRIND TO A HALT...
BUT, BECAUSE THERE'S ONLY SO MUCH TIME IN A DAY, I'LL SIMPLIFY: LEGION IS AN OMEGA LEVEL MUTANT WHO, WHEN WHOLE, CAN BEND *TIME* TO HIS WILL.
CAUSING A SPONTANEOUS MUTATION IS MOST LIKELY *WELL* WITHIN HIS CAPABILITIES, WHETHER HE'S CONSCIOUS OF IT OR NOT.
SO WHAT YOU'RE SAYING IS OUR RAGTAG GROUP OF X-MEN MARCHED IN AND TOOK DOWN AN *OMEGA LEVEL MUTANT,* AND THAT'S TOTALLY BADASS--
--AND KIND OF HOT.
I CAN'T WATCH THIS.
WHAT I'M SAYING IS HIS ABILITY MAKES HIM INCREDIBLY VALUABLE TO THE 99% OF MUTANTS WHOSE X-GENE IS NOW DORMANT.
UNFORTUNATELY, THIS ALSO MAKES EVERY SECOND I SPEND AWAY FROM MY WORK TALKING TO YOU A *CRIMINAL* WASTE OF TIME. GOOD DAY.


OKAY! THAT'S GREAT THEN! LET US KNOW IF YOU EVER NEED US TO TAKE DOWN AN *OMEGA LEVEL MUTANT* AGAIN.
IF ANYONE WANTS TO KNOW HOW WE DID IT I'D BE HAPPY TO DISCUSS IT OVER DINNER SOMETIME.
ALL RIGHT! IT'S GETTING SAD!
OMEGA.
THAT WENT WELL. I THINK ROGUE'S INTO ME.
SHE HASN'T BEEN ABLE TO TOUCH A MAN IN LIKE TEN YEARS.
IN NO WAY IS THAT TRUE.
TEN. YEARS. NO ACTION? CAN YOU IMAGINE HOW THAT WOULD FEEL?
SAM, TELL AMARA HOW THAT FEELS.
HA HA. REAL FUNNY.
DANGER ROOM
Tssch
GUTHRIE!!
I'LL SEE YOU GUYS LATER.
SURE, SAM.
IF YOU SAY SO.

SO YOU STILL FEEL RESPONSIBILITY TOWARDS THIS "MARCI"?
OF COURSE. IT WAS MY JOB TO FIND HER AND PROTECT HER.
AND YOU DID, DIDN'T YOU?
I THOUGHT SO. I KEPT...*THEM* AWAY FROM HER UNTIL ILLYANA RESCUED US. THEN WE FOUND DAVID HALLER AND TOOK CONTROL OF HIS BODY. HE TOLD US HE COULD SHOW US THE WAY OUT OF HIS MIND.
PLEASE, TRY TO REMEMBER EVERYTHING. WE NEED TO KNOW AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE.
THERE WAS A CIVILIAN WITH US. HE HAD BEEN AT THE BAR WHEN I POSSESSED LEGION AND MY POWERS WENT HAYWIRE. HE ASKED IF HE COULD COME WITH US.
HE WAS SO SCARED.
DAVID TOOK US TO A DOOR. ALL WE HAD TO DO WAS STEP THROUGH IT AND WE'D GO BACK TO OUR BODIES. THE MAN FROM THE BAR TRIED TO GO FIRST, BUT I WANTED TO SEE MARCI OUT SAFELY.
THAT'S WHEN DAVID SAID, *"MARCI DOESN'T HAVE ANYWHERE TO GO."*
civilian
asked for
I HAD ALREADY STARTED ARGUING WITH HIM WHEN IT HIT ME. LEGION HAD ABSORBED ILLYANA AND THAT GUY AT THE BAR THROUGH *ME.* HE CAN'T DO IT ON HIS OWN...
UNLESS HE'S RIGHT NEXT TO SOMEONE WHEN THEY DIE.

DANI. I'VE BEEN MEANING TO TALK TO YOU.
I DON'T WANT TO TALK, SAM. I THOUGHT WE COULD SPAR.
THE DANGER ROOM ISN'T FUNCTIONAL YET, I DON'T THINK--
CRACK
YOU HAVE *GOT* TO STOP DOING THAT.
SO THAT'S TWO YOU OWE ME. HERE'S YOUR CHANCE TO PAY ME BACK.
I'M NOT GOING TO SPAR WITH YOU, DANI. YOU'RE NOT ON A COMBAT TEAM. FRANKLY, I HAVE A SNEAKING SUSPICION THAT'S THE REASON YOU'RE DOING THIS.
I DID THINK YOU MIGHT FIND ROOM FOR ME AFTER *I SAVED YOUR %#$%#&% LIFE!*
YOU DISOBEYED A DIRECT ORDER. WE'RE X-MEN...THAT'S KIND OF NOT *ALLOWED.*
SAM. THIS IS ABOUT YOU NOT THINKING I CAN HANDLE COMBAT...WHICH MEANS YOU MUST HAVE BEEN HIGH WHEN I PUT *THE GOD OF WAR* ON HIS ASS.
NEVER MIND YOU WERE PACKING AN ASGARDIAN SUPER-CHARGE AT THE TIME, BUT THIS ISN'T ABOUT YOUR BATTLE-READINESS. IT'S ABOUT YOU THINKING IT'S OKAY TO *PUNCH ME IN THE FACE.*
YOU AND I WOULD SPAR ALL THE TIME WHEN WE WERE YOUNGER... WHY DON'T YOU HIT ME BACK?
I'M NOT GOING TO HIT YOU.

ARE YOU MY FRIEND, SAM?
YOU DON'T NEED TO GO THERE, ALL RIGHT? THAT'S MEAN...
YOU KNOW I AM.
YOU'D DIE FOR ME?
YOU *KNOW* I WOULD.
WHAT IF SOMEONE TOLD YOU YOU COULDN'T? WHAT IF I WAS IN DANGER AND THEY WOULDN'T LET YOU HELP? WHAT WOULD YOU DO TO THAT PERSON?
I'D PUNCH THEM IN THE FACE.
YEAH. YOU WOULD.

THIS IS MY TEAM AND I'M TAKING IT SERIOUSLY. IF YOU WANT IN YOU'VE GOT TO FOLLOW ORDERS.
FINE.
ALL I ASK IS THAT YOU TREAT ME LIKE ANY OTHER MEMBER OF THE TEAM.
...
YOU'VE EARNED THAT.
I WILL.
YOU HAVE TO PROMISE.
I PROMISE.
WE'LL SEE.
CRACK

WAAK
THERE. WAS THAT SO HARD?
IT WAS A LOT EASIER THAN IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN.
#$%% YOU. I THOUGHT I WAS GOING TO GET A FEW MORE FREEBIES.
BUY YOU TWO BEERS?
TWO?
ONE FOR YOU AND ONE FOR YOUR FACE?
HA. HA. UNFORTUNATELY FOR YOU MY FACE LIKES REALLY EXPENSIVE BEER.

YOU'RE SAYING THAT DAVID HALLER KILLED MARCI?
DAVID HALLER...AT LEAST THE ONE *WE* FOUND...WOULDN'T HURT A FLY. WE ASKED HIM WHY SHE WOULDN'T HAVE A PLACE TO GO.
HE TOLD US MARCI WAS THE FIRST ONE TO FIND HIM WHEN HE ARRIVED FROM WHEREVER IT WAS HE HAD BEEN.
HE TOLD US MARCI HAD BROUGHT HIM SOME WATER AND THEY PLAYED TOGETHER... BUT THEN HE SAID SOMEONE ELSE HAD WANTED TO PLAY WITH HER.
"HE STARTED CRYING TOO HARD AT THAT POINT. HE COULDN'T TELL US *WHO*.
"BUT HE COULD POINT.
"I WANTED TO SEE WHICH ONE OF THEM HAD DONE IT. I WANTED TO FACE HIM. BUT IT WAS A MISTAKE.
"WE WERE SHARING THE SAME BRAIN, YOU KNOW? WHEN I SAW HIM, I KNEW WHAT HE HAD DONE...AS IF I'D DONE IT MYSELF.
"I WANTED THAT MEMORY OUT OF MY HEAD. I WOULD HAVE DONE ANYTHING TO GET AWAY FROM IT...AND THEN ILLYANA HAD HER SOULSWORD AND SHE...
"SHE..."
SHE KILLED HIM. THE PERSONALITY THAT MURDERED MARCI... IT'S IN HER STATEMENT.

HERE...
IT'LL BE OUR LITTLE SECRET.
LET'S ALL COVER OUR EYES FOR A MOMENT, YES?

KARMA? WAS ILLYANA'S STATEMENT CORRECT?
AAAAAAAI!!
YES.
THAT'S ENOUGH FOR NOW. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME. THE INFORMATION YOU'VE PROVIDED WILL BE MOST HELPFUL.
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